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Legislature OKs bill restricting use of disaster emergencies

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REPORTER

The Legislature has passed a bill clipping the governor's powers to declare a state of disaster emergency.

Camacho

The House of Representatives in a session on Rota Friday accepted minor amendments made by the Senate to the bill and sent the legislation on its way to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial for his signature.

Under the bill, the governor will not be able to use his constitutional powers to declare an emergency to deal with "financial crisis or hardship." Proponents of the bill say such declarations should only be allowed in extreme cases such as an invasion, civil disturbance, natural disaster, or calamity. They argue that existing laws provide enough means for the governor to deal with a financial

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The Department of Public Safety will deploy 23 police officers on Saipan tomorrow to maintain peace and order in

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MEN AGAINST VIOLENCE EFREN GARCIA

A group led by Superior Court associate judge Kenneth Govendo, third left, takes part in last Friday's Men Against Violence Walk held along the Saipan Beach Pathway.

More NMI students flocking to UoG

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The number of students from the CNMI attending the University of Guam continues to increase.

For the 2008-2009 school year, 107 students identifying themselves as Chamorros from the CNMI have enrolled at UoG. In fall 2007, 103 students were enrolled and in fall 2006, 73 students were enrolled. The school's overall enrollment this year, 3,387, is the highest the university has had in eight years.

Cathleen Moore-Linn, director of Integrated Marketing Communication for the univer-

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A campaign for the ages, tilting toward Democrats

By LIZ SIDOTI
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AMERICA VOTES

WASHINGTON (AP)—Counting down to Election Day, Barack Obama appears within reach of becoming the nation's first black president as the epic campaign draws to a close against a backdrop of economic crisis and lingering war. John Mc-

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AP

Democratic presidential candidate, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., addresses the crowd during a rally in Springfield, Mo. Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008.

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PSS opposes Senate budget plan

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Education officials have opposed the Senate-passed budget for fiscal year 2009, which proposes $2 million less than the budget approved by the House of Representatives for the Public School System.

Sablan

Blanco-Maratita

The House version of the FY2009 budget provides the PSS with $30.2 million for personnel and $8 million for operations, for a total of $38.2 million. The Senate-approved budget cuts the budget for PSS to $36.3 million.

"[T]he PSS supports the House version of the FY09 budget bill, HB 16-169, and does not support the Senate passed substitute bill," Board of Education chairwoman Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita and Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan said in a joint letter to the legislative leaders.

Blanco-Maratita and Sablan said their objections to the Senate's proposal go beyond the budget reduction. They also oppose provisions that would "adversely affect teaching and learning." They cited as examples the austerity holidays, unpaid legal holidays, hiring freeze, and the conversion of all non-managerial PSS staff to civil service status.

The two noted that the Senate's budget bill, if enacted into law, would prevent the PSS from hiring any teachers and related service personnel. PSS recruits 45 to 60 new teachers and related educational support service personnel each year.

"Further, this bill hinders the Board of Education's constitutional mandate to provide free compulsory public education to the 10,913 children attending our public schools as these children require teachers who cannot be hired if these is a freeze on hiring," they said.

The House of Representatives has rejected the Senate-passed version of the fiscal year 2009 budget. A conference committee made up of Senate and House members has been formed to reconcile the differences between both houses.

Rapadas appoints David as District Election Officer

Assistant United States Attorney in the Districts of Guam and the Northern Marianas Marivic David will lead the U.S. Justice Department's nationwide program for tomorrow's general election.

United States Attorney Leonardo M. Rapadas last week appointed David to serve as the District Election Officer for Guam and the CNMI and she will be handling complaints of election fraud and voting rights abuses in consultation with Justice Department Headquarters.

Last Oct. 8, 2002, Attorney General John Ashcroft established a Department-wide Ballot Access and Voting Integrity Initiative. The goals of this initiative are to increase the department's ability to deter voter intimidation, suppression, discrimination, and election fraud and to prosecute these offenses whenever and wherever they occur—to make voting easier and cheating harder.

Both goals are equally important. It is imperative that in pursuing voter integrity, ballot access is not in any way diminished or harmed. The Department's long-standing Election

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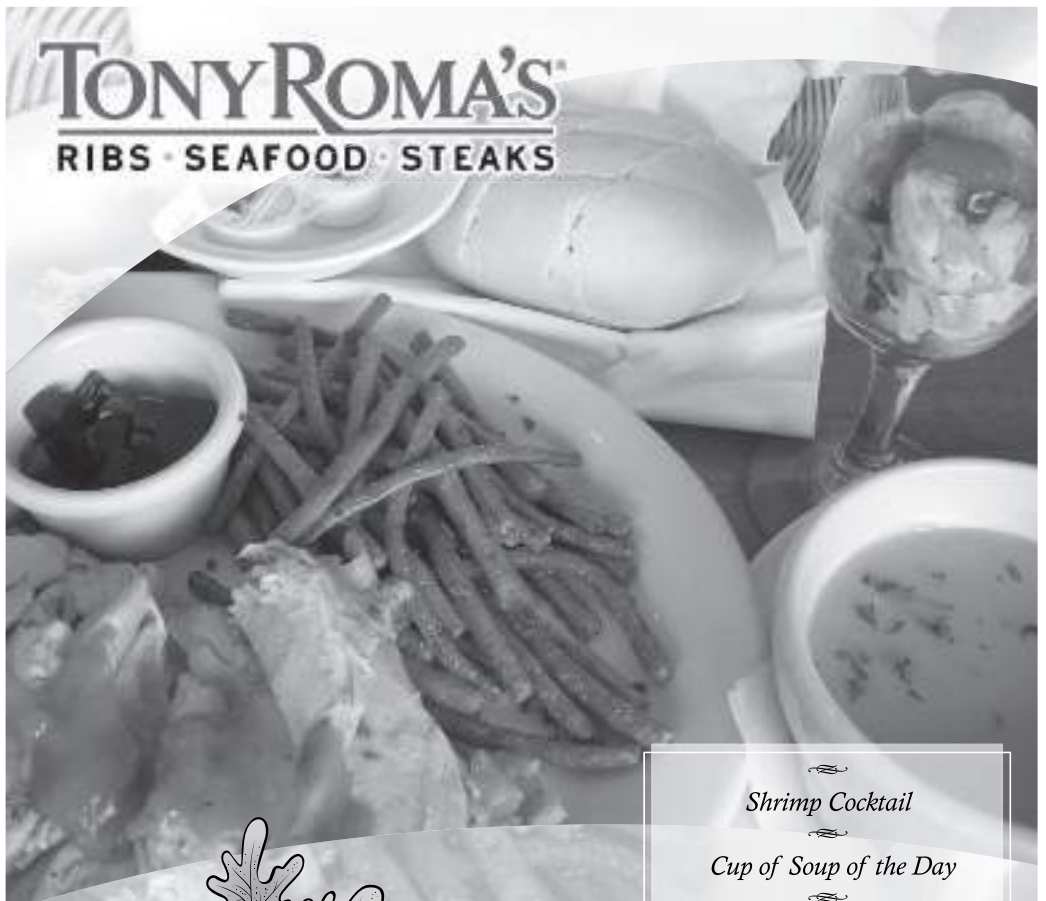

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Office of the Attorney General now hiring

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REPORTER

Acting attorney general Gregory Baka has called on young attorneys to apply for jobs with the Office of the Attorney General.

The OAG recently announced vacancies for four assistant attorneys general positions, in a bid to beef up the office after it was hit by resignations.

In a press conference last week, Baka said the AG's office provides immense opportunities for young attorneys to learn more about the legal profession and serve the people.

"Working at the Office of the Attorney General gives so many challenges to help support the people in so many different ways. Of course, you learn so much working in our office, so people who worked at the OAG often move on to other experiences," he said. He cited three examples of attorneys who worked at the OAG before taking jobs with other institutions: Eric O'Malley and Jim Benedetto, both of whom are now with the U.S. Attorney's Office, and Joseph Taijeron, now a legal counsel at the CNMI Legislature.

"I would encourage any young attorneys who really want to learn and help the people to come work for us for five years. It will be well worth it and it will really give some practice skills that you can put to your

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King quits PDO to take care of her mother

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Attorney Janet Han King has resigned from the Public Defender's Office to take care of her 66-year-old mother who resides on Tinian.

King

In a telephone interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, Janet King said her last day as assistant public defender was Oct. 23, 2008.

"I decided that my priority right now is to stay on Tinian to be with my mother," she said. "Since the passing of my father she also needs me now more than ever."

Janet King's father, Juan Borja King, passed away last Oct. 9.

Since she starting working at PDO on Dec. 3, 2007, Janet King has been commuting to Tinian every single weekend and sometimes even during weekdays.

"My father was always here (Tinian) in person during the daytime. But now without him my Mom won't have anyone else except me to count on," the lawyer said.

Janet King said she did not at all contemplate leaving PDO so suddenly.

"I deeply regret having to break a promise to my clients and to the people of the CNMI and also to the people I worked with. The promise to always keep going and fighting well for them," she said.

King said it's the end of her job at PDO, but that she is very comfortable with her choice.

"For me it's the right choice. Family is always the right choice. She (mother Lucy Han King) is my top priority," she said.

Janet King said she may start gradually opening up a law firm on Tinian so she can continue to make her mother a priority.

"But I definitely intend to continue the career that I've always wanted for as long as I can remember," she said.

At PDO, King was the Tinian designated attorney or the one who handled all Tinian cases. She also worked on other cases with other attorneys at PDO ranging from misdemeanors, felonies, and juveniles.

Janet King passed the CNMI, Hawaii, and Guam Bar Examinations. She was part of the year 2000 pre-law program that was initially sponsored by the late justice Ramon G. Villagomez. She is also a former Miss CNMI Universe.

Asked for comment yesterday about King's departure from PDO, Chief Public Defender

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Cain, the battle-scarred warrior, holds out hope for a Truman-beats-Dewey-style upset.

Whoever wins, the country's 44th president will immediately confront some of the most difficult economic challenges since the Great Depression.

In that effort, he'll almost surely be working with a stronger Democratic majority in Congress, as well as among governors and state legislatures nationwide. GOP incumbents at every level are endangered just eight years after President Bush's election ignited talk of lasting Republican Party dominance.

It's been an extraordinary campaign of shattered records, ceilings and assumptions. Indeed, a race for the ages.

Democrat Obama has exuded confidence in the campaign's final days, reaching for a triumph of landslide proportions.

"The die is being cast as we speak," says campaign manager David Plouffe.

Undeterred, Republican McCain vows to fight on, bidding for an upset reminiscent of Democrat Harry S. Truman's stunning defeat of Thomas E. Dewey in 1948.

Looking back only to early this year, campaign manager Rick Davis says, "We are witnessing perhaps, I believe, one of the greatest comebacks since John McCain won the primary."

The odds for Republicans in 2008 have been long from the start: Voters often thwart the party that's been in power for two terms. And this year, larger factors are working against the GOP: the war in Iraq, now in its sixth year, and the crisis on Wall Street and in the larger economy. Voters deeply distrust government and crave a new direction.

Republicans are girding for widespread losses.

"It's a fairly toxic atmosphere out there," said Nevada Sen. John Ensign, chairman of the Senate GOP's campaign effort. Added his House counterpart, Oklahoma Rep. Tom Cole: "We haven't caught very many breaks."

Democrats are looking ahead to expanded power.

"Things are looking very good," said Maryland Rep. Chris Van Hollen, the head of the House Democrats' campaign committee. New York Sen. Chuck Schumer, chairman of the Senate Democrats' effort, predicted: "We're going to pick up a large number of seats, and that's going to make Democrats very happy."

The Democrats are reaching for a 60-vote Senate majority that would allow the party to overcome Republican filibusters, and could pick up two dozen or more House seats. Democrats also hope to pad their slim majority of governorships and increase their ranks in what already is their strongest majority in state legislatures in more than a decade.

The implications are far-reaching: Governors and state legislators elected Tuesday to four-year terms will help preside over the redrawing of legislative and congressional districts following the 2010 Census. The party in charge can redraw districts in its favor.

Atop the ticket, Obama leads in national and key battleground state polling, though the race appears to be tightening as it plays out primarily in states that Bush won twice. Among the unknowns: the choices of one in seven likely voters who are undecided or could still change their minds; the impact of Obama's efforts to register and woo new voters, particularly blacks and young people; the effect of Obama's race on voters just four decades after the tumult of the Civil Rights movement.

"Right now, it's very clearly Obama's to lose, and I think his chances of doing so are pretty minimal," said Republican Dick Armey, the former House majority leader from Texas. He said the possibility of a McCain comeback is "getting down to slim-to-none."

An Obama victory would amount to a wholesale rejection of the status quo: voters taking a chance on a relative newcomer to the national stage, a 47-year-old first-term senator from Chicago, rather than stick with a seasoned veteran of the party in power. With strengthened Democratic majorities in Congress, he'd have to deal with the party's left flank while governing a country that's more conservative than liberal.

The Republican Party essentially would be in tatters, searching for both a leader and an identity.

An Obama loss—or McCain comeback—would be a crushing disappointment for Democrats in a year tailor-made for the party. It would suggest McCain's experience trumped Obama's clarion call for change, and raise troubling questions about white Americans' willingness to vote for a black man.

Blacks, in particular, might be furious and deeply suspicious of an almost sure thing that slipped away.

Tuesday's election caps a nearly two-year campaign unprecedented in many ways, merely unusual in others.

"The candidates are more interesting. The media is bigger. The technology is better. Participation has increased dramatically," said Bob Kerrey, a former Democratic senator from Nebraska who once aspired to the presidency himself. "This is the first global campaign that the United States has had. People will always remember this as an extremely important election."

From the start, the race was different: It was the first since 1928 in which neither a president nor a vice president competed.

The Democratic primary was excruciatingly long, with historic and improbable characters: Obama, a black upstart Illinois senator, against a former first lady turned New York senator, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

McCain, at 72 once the GOP's most vocal scold, early on was the favorite for the Republican nomination. His campaign all but imploded, then he came back to overcome multiple opponents and win the party's nomination. He chose the first woman for the national GOP ticket, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin.

Racism, sexism and ageism all colored the campaign, to varying degrees.

Interest appeared exceptionally high across the globe, particularly in Obama. More than 200,000 people turned out to attend an Obama speech in Berlin when he made a trip abroad to bolster his foreign policy credentials. His U.S. crowds also were gargantuan; 75,000 in Portland, Ore., before he was the nominee, more than 100,000 in Denver just a week before the general election.

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sity, said one of UoG's recruitment objectives for the school year is to recruit more Pacific Island students, including CNMI residents.

"Our team is meeting next week to determine the scope of this project and develop a schedule," she said.

However, she said the step up in recruitment to the CNMI has nothing to do with the current status of the Northern Marianas College. NMC is currently on "show cause" status and could lose its accreditation in January.

Officials from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges' Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges will be on island this week to review the college's implementation of the accrediting agency's recommendations. Under the show cause status, NMC was required to develop a closure plan, which would help ease student transfers. NMC has partial credit articulation with the University of Guam.

Moore-Linn said UoG's enrollment growth of students from the CNMI has more to do with the university's efforts and less to do with NMC's accreditation status.

"Our enrollment growth has more to do with our strong brand rather than NMC accreditation issues," she said. "[The] numbers of students from the CNMI have increased over the last few years, but we have seen growth in the number of Guam private school graduates who attend UOG, and many other areas."

Over the past few years, Julie Ulloa-Heath, dean of Enrollment Management and Student Services, has made numerous recruitment trips to the CNMI, Moore-Linn said.

"She visited Rota, where she is originally from, several times as well as Saipan and Tinian," she said. "A small recruitment team from UOG including Ulloa-Heath, our registrar and members of our financial aid office make recruitment trips to the CNMI at least once a year."

The recruitment team discusses information on financial aid, steps to registration, majors and other information, Moore-Linn said. An Army ROTC officer from the University of Guam traveled to Grace Christian Academy in October to discuss the program and the University with students.

23 COPS

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the historic CNMI election for a U.S. congressional delegate.

DPS spokesperson Lei Ogumoro said at least one police officer will be assigned at each polling place to enforce election laws.

Ogumoro also reminded the public that, pursuant to Public Law 15-52, any political activity within a 300-foot radius of polling places is prohibited during Election Day between 7am to 7pm.

"This, however, does not apply to campaign activities conducted on private property," she said.

The DPS spokesperson said anyone who violates the provisions of P.L. 15-52 shall be fined not more than $500 or be imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

"We ask the public for their complete cooperation regarding this matter," Ogumoro said.

Approximately 13,000 people have registered to cast their ballots to elect the first-ever nonvoting delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Elections in the CNMI are generally peaceful.

Nine candidates are running for the delegate's position. They are Washington Rep. Pete A. Tenorio; incumbent Sen. Luis Crisostimo; former Sen. David Cing; retired Superior Court associate judge Juan T. Lizama; Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Gregorio Sablan; high school teacher John Davis; television talk show host John Oliver Gonzales; businessman Chong Won, and Saipan municipal councilor Felipe Atalig.

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crisis without the governor having to use emergency powers.

Rep. Joseph James Camacho introduced the bill in May 2008 in the wake of the governor's emergency declaration for the Commonwealth Ports Authority, which was facing technical default on its airport revenue bonds due to financial problems.

Since Fitial assumed office in January 2006, he has issued declarations or extensions of more than a dozen disaster emergencies for government agencies.

The CNMI is currently under three states of emergency: one for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., one for the lack of a full-time pharmacist at the Commonwealth Health Center, and one for the island of Anatahan, which experienced a volcanic eruption in 2003.

Charles Reyes, press secretary for the Governor's Office, in a previous interview had said each of the executive orders was necessary under the circumstances.

"The Governor would rather not have to declare such emergencies or invoke his constitutional powers so often, but the situation demands it. The architects of our Constitution contemplated such emergency situations and empowered the Governor to take extraordinary actions to meet crisis situations of this kind," he had said.

KING

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Adam Hardwicke said Janet King made a very difficult decision to stop working at PDO because she knew that it would be difficult for her clients.

"We love Janet. She's welcome back anytime she is free," Hardwicke said.

The chief public defender said Janet King's priority is her mother and she understood that with her priority being her mother that she would not be able to do what's required for her clients as public defender.

"She decided to say goodbye. She didn't want to and I didn't want her to go," Hardwicke said.

Hardwicke described King being a public defender as "perfect and exemplary."

"She is what any public defenders should be. And I know that she is heart broken having leave the office," he said.

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personal benefit when you go into private practice afterwards," Baka said.

According to the OAG's job announcement, the office needs a prosecuting attorney to handle felony cases; a civil litigation attorney who must also be able to advise government departments and agencies in the execution of the CNMI laws; an attorney with construction litigation experience to represent and advise the CNMI Department of Public Works with respect to infrastructure projects and litigation that has resulted from such projects; and an immigration attorney to handle all immigration related enforcement actions and litigation in federal and CNMI Courts and to advise the Secretary of Labor, Director of Immigration and the Attorney General on immigration enforcement issues.

Baka, in a public hearing last month, told the Legislature that the AG's office lacks attorneys. From having 30 attorneys at the end of 2005, he said, the OAG was down to 17 attorneys as of Oct. 15, 2008. Budget problems and the existing government salary cap prevent the agency to hire the needed attorneys, he said.

RAPADAS

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Day Program furthers the goals of the Initiative. The program also is intended to ensure public confidence in the integrity of the election process by providing local points of contact within the department where the public can report possible election fraud and voting rights violations while the polls are open on election day.

"The franchise is the cornerstone of American democracy. We all must ensure that those who are entitled to the franchise exercise it, while those who seek to corrupt it are brought to justice," the media release from the U.S. Attorney stated.

The first CNMI delegate will be elected for office in the 111th U.S. Congress tomorrow, Nov. 4, 2008. In order to respond to complaints of election fraud or voting rights abuses on that date, and to ensure that such complaints are directed to the appropriate authorities, USA Rapades states that AUSA David will be on duty in the District of Guam while the polls are open. David can be reached by the public at the following telephone number: (671) 472-7332 ext. 120.

The FBI will also have a Special Agent available in the Saipan field office to receive allegations of election fraud, intimidation, suppression and other election abuses. The FBI can be reached by the public at (670) 322-6934.

Complaints about ballot access problems or discrimination can be made directly to the Civil Rights Division's Voting Section in Washington at 1-800-253-3931 or 202-307-2767. Where voter intimidation or suppression tactics target voters on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin, contact the Civil Rights Division's Criminal Section at 202-514-3204.

"Election fraud and voting rights abuses dilute the worth of votes honestly cast. They also corrupt the essence of our representative for of government. As crimes against both the individual and government, they will be dealt with promptly and aggressively. Anyone who has information suggesting electoral corruption or voting rights abuses should make that information available immediately to my Office, the FBI, or the Civil Rights Division," said Rapadas. ***(PR)***

CUC: Do not to throw shoes at power lines

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has advised children and adults not to throw their pairs of shoes at electric lines on Saipan.

Pair of sneakers have been observed hanging on electric lines in many areas on the island.

According to acting CUC spokesperson Gary Camacho it is a safety issue.

"We have seen some shoes or any other type of foreign objects hanging on the line on the area lines. And we do make an effort to get those down—of course that is a safety issue," Camach said.

The CUC spokesperson asked the people if they see hanging shoes to call their Trouble Desk so the crew could address the problem as quickly as possible and it doesn't affect the power system.

"Anything up there could possibly affect the system in its supply of power. It is dangerous not only that it is something doesn't belong up there. For safety purposes, try to keep any foreign objects form the area lines," Camacho said.

He said the shoes are eyesores to the tourists, however, CUC's bigger concern is the safety for the people in the general area and the efficiency of the power supply.

"These children may not realize the danger that they might be putting in to the area," Camacho added. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

A pair of shoes is hanging on a power line near the Bank of Saipan building in Garapan. According to CUC people should not throw shoes at the power lines because it poses safety problem.

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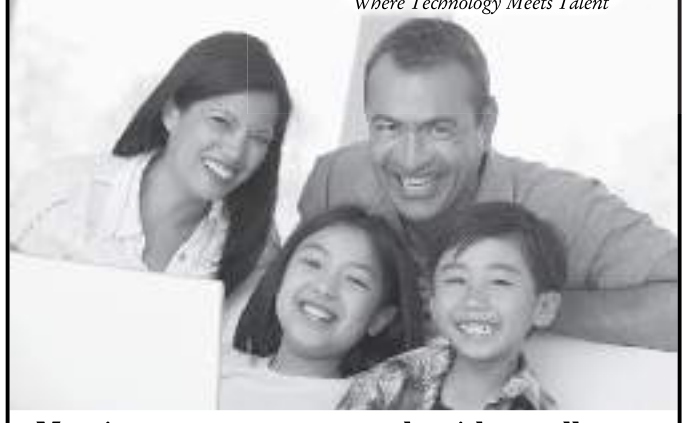

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Man injured for jumping from vehicle, copper wire thieves strike anew

A man was injured after he jumped from a moving vehicle along Beach Road in Susupe Friday morning.

Department of Public Safety spokesperson Lei Ogumoro said the man was transported to the Commonwealth Health Center where he was treated for minor injuries.

Ogumoro said it was reported to DPS Friday at 9:29am that the victim jumped from a moving vehicle that was heading north.

Ogumoro said the incident happened in front of Winchell's.

No arrest was made.

"I don't have information as to his age or name or the vehicle," she said.

In other police's news, Ogumoro said that last Monday, Oct, 27, two copper wire theft incidents happened in Kagman and in As Perdido.

Ogumoro said unknown person or persons stole about 250 feet of secondary lines from two utility poles and about 185 feet of drop line wires at two houses located behind Kagman High School.

No one was at the two houses when the theft happened.

Ogumoro said that on the same day, unidentified person or persons stole electrical wires from two panel boxes at the Retsa Commercial Building in As Perdido.

"The amount of wires stolen is still under investigation," Ogumoro said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

KHS Monday schedule

To parents and guardians of Kagman High School students: On Monday, Nov. 3, 2008, Kagman High School will dismiss students at 1pm. Please pick up your son/daughter and or be aware that the school is half-day only. For more information, call us at 237-3840 or 237-3832. Fax 664-3788. ***(PR)***

Veterans Week proclamation signing

On Nov. 11, 2008, Veteran's Day, the CNMI will give thanks to those who have served in the armed forces, salute those who are still in service; and honor the men and women who left America's shores but did not live to be thanked as veterans.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial will be signing the Veterans Week Proclamation at the Governor's Conference Room on Nov. 5, 2008 at 10am.

On Nov. 11, 2008, we will be celebrating Veterans Day at the American Memorial Park, Court of Honor at 11am. Keynote speaker will be Maj. Gen. Stephen D. Tom, Chief of Staff for US Pacific Command Hawaii.

All veterans, active and reserve military members, their families, family members of those departed veterans, the local Marine scouts and the public are invited to join the celebration. ***(PR)***

MHS calendar of activities

Nov. 4 No classes (Citizenship Day)
Nov. 10 1st Quarter Final Exams
Nov. 11 No Classes (Veterans Day)
Nov. 13 1st Quarter Ends
Nov. 19

1. Open House/ Report Card Distribution: 4pm-6pm. Pick up Report Cards from Homeroom Teacher (Students will be released at 1pm)
2. MHS Community Council (PTA Meeting) *Agenda: Election of SY 2008-2009 Officers 5pm at Cafeteria
3. Parent Literacy Night

Nov. 26-28 No classes (Thanksgiving break)

ACT information session

The Association of Commonwealth Teachers will be hosting a public information session on their recent research project on the Highly Qualified Teacher requirements in the No Child Left Behind Act, as they pertain to the CNMI. ACT will also share their recent recommendations to the Board of Education regarding proposed amendments to the current PSS plan for Highly Qualified Teachers. All teachers and interested members of the community are welcome to join us. The meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 6, at 7pm in the San Vicente Elementary cafeteria. A brief general membership meeting will follow. ***(PR)***

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My Dear People of this the Commonwealth:

As your elected Congressional Delegate in Washington, I pledge to work closely with the U.S. Federal Government and Members of Congress across party lines in building and sustaining positive and progressive relation between the executive administration of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas government and the US federal government agencies. This should also include the non-profit associations and other non-government organizations, in addition to corporate and small businesses in the United States and no less the United States Congress in a tradition which comports with a fundamental goal set forth by the Covenant negotiators that the United States Government assists the newly established local government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in developing its economic base in order to achieve a progressively higher standard of living for our people as part of the mainstream American political family and eventually become full partners in the American economic community, and for the Commonwealth to develop its economic resources that would support and eventually meet the financial responsibilities of local self-government. With this vision, I will focus my energy on certain defined areas of priorities, but not limited to the following:

- ✔ working with the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Federal grantor agencies, Interagency Group of Insular Areas (IGIA) and the United States Congress in the optimal attainment of financial, technical and networking assistance for the development of the social, economic and physical infrastructure of the CNMI consistent with applicable provisions of the Covenant;
- ✔ pursuing other non-monetary economic development assistance opportunities with appropriate federal agencies, including the State Department, in promoting overseas trade and commerce, attract new foreign investment to the CNMI as well as increase indigenous entrepreneurial participation in local investment;
- ✔ working with appropriate federal agencies in the development of local capacity in building an effective, accountable and transparent government at the state and municipal levels of government and other public sector institutions and systems;
- ✔ working with the U.S. Department of Treasury, Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) and the United States Congress and the White House towards a full cost recovery of the CNMI "cover-over" funds pursuant to the Covenant;
- ✔ in establishing an interagency task force consisting of representatives from the central and municipal government, business sectors, non-profit organizations and other non-governmental organizations (NGO) to work on strengthening U.S. Federal-Insular Relations and Alliances, including the U.S. Military;
- ✔ in testifying before the United States Congress and ancillary federal agencies in support of legislation linking insular area socio-economic development needs with existing non-pecuniary capacities of the federal agencies in such areas as housing (i.e., Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae, Ginnie Mae, etc.); ferry (i.e., Saipan-Northern Islands-Tinian-Rota-Guam Ferry system) and public transportation on land (public and non-public school use and public commute); community reinvestments and community foundations; environmental clean-up of PCB and other contaminants; land-based military infrastructure on Tinian and the Northern Islands; direct flight routes from New Zealand, Australia, Taiwan, Japan and other Pacific Rim countries; U.S.-sponsored economic seminar or conferences in foreign countries, including trade missions to foreign countries and in the United States, etc.;
- ✔ in securing the support of appropriate US federal departments and agencies on international matters directly affecting the NMI and in the establishment of strategic outposts in the United States and in foreign countries to promote local tourism and other economic or cultural interests of the NMI;
- ✔ in securing clearance with the U.S. State Department for the NMI's participation in regional and other international organizations involved in compatible social, economic, educational, scientific, technical and cultural matters;
- ✔ with U.S. Embassies in the promotion of the NMI in Asia and Pacific Rim countries;
- ✔ with the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (WESTPAC) or successor agency in the exploration and utilization of untapped marine resources (i.e., mineral deposits, deep-ocean commercial fishing, Marianas Trench tourism, deep-ocean fresh water commercial production, power generation, etc.) and other renewal energy strategies and opportunities for development in the EEZ;
- ✔ with U.S. Ambassadors throughout Asia and the Pacific in showcasing the success of America's exported ideals and institutions in the Northern Marianas and to enable a better understanding of the CNMI's pivotal role in the strategic line of defense of the United States in the Pacific theater as well as the NMI's potential role in staging US-based interests in the Asian and Pacific world trade and commerce (i.e., China market);
- ✔ with the White House Interagency Group of Insular Areas (IGIA) and specifically the Federal Regional Council Principals in addressing crosscutting insular policy issues, ensure program coordination and promote responsiveness on the part of federal agencies on the special circumstances that make the insular territories similar and dissimilar from the rest of the fifty states;
- ✔ with the U.S. national, state and city chambers of commerce in facilitating business relocation and investment decisions to the NMI, and the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) in the recruitment, retention and expansion of US-based business interests and investors in the NMI;
- ✔ closely with the White House Initiative on Asian American and Pacific Islanders on strategic issues affecting programs on education and health in the US Insular Territories;
- ✔ on the implementation of the FHA mortgage insurance program with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development; the Federal Crop Insurance Program with the US Department of Agriculture RMA; and the Office of Insular Affairs in updating the compendium on federal resources available to the US Insular Territories;
- ✔ to pursue the extension beyond the University of Hawaii System the application of resident status of CNMI residents pursuing postsecondary education in US-accredited institutions of higher education in the US; and
- ✔ in making the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) known throughout the United States as a United States territory and be included in the world wide web page through its zip code and postal designation of MP as the Marianas Pacific.

"Si Yu'us Ma'ase ★ Thank You ★ Olomwaay"

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RESIDENTIAL	$ 5.60			
1. First 500 kWh (1 To 500)		$ 0.016	$ 0.270	$ 0.286
2. Second 500 kWh (501 To 1,000)		0.066	0.270	0.336
3. Next 1,000 kWh (1,001 To 2,000)		0.086	0.270	0.356
4. All kWh After 2,000 (Over 2,000)		0.127	0.270	0.397
COMMERCIAL (All kWh Billed)	$ 7.67	$ 0.086	$ 0.270	$ 0.356
GOVERNMENT (All kWh Billed)	$ 7.67	$ 0.091	$ 0.270	$ 0.361
NON-CONFORMING LOAD (All kWh Billed)	$ 56.00	$ 0.222	$ 0.270	$ 0.492

HISTORY OF ELECTRIC FUEL RATES:

JANUARY 2007	$ 0.196	DECEMBER 2007	$ 0.258
FEBRUARY 2007	$ 0.188	JANUARY 2008	$ 0.258
MARCH 2007	$ 0.188	FEBRUARY 2008	$ 0.253
APRIL 2007	$ 0.191	MARCH 2008 (RES. ONLY)	$ 0.176
MAY 2007	$ 0.222	MARCH 2008 (ALL OTHERS)	$ 0.288
JUNE 2007	$ 0.221	APRIL 2008 (RES. ONLY)	$ 0.176
JULY 2007	$ 0.223	APRIL 2008 (ALL OTHERS)	$ 0.327
AUGUST 2007	$ 0.223	MAY 2008 (RES. ONLY, 5/1 - 2/08)	$ 0.176
SEPTEMBER 2007	$ 0.228	MAY 2008 (RES. ONLY, 5/3 - 31/08)	$ 0.357
OCTOBER 2007 (RES. ONLY, 10/1 - 3/07)	$ 0.228	MAY 2008 (ALL OTHERS)	$ 0.357
OCTOBER 2007 (RES. ONLY, 10/4 - 31/07)	$ 0.176	JUNE 2008	$ 0.387
OCTOBER 2007 (ALL OTHERS)	$ 0.228	JULY 2008	$ 0.413
NOVEMBER 2007 (RES. ONLY, 11/1/07)	$ 0.176	AUGUST 2008	$ 0.413
NOVEMBER 2007 (RES. ONLY, 11/2 - 30/07)	$ 0.258	SEPTEMBER 2008	$ 0.362
NOVEMBER 2007 (ALL OTHERS)	$ 0.258	OCTOBER 2008	$ 0.337

Animals that are up for adoption through PAWS

PAWS has some special animals that are available for adoption or fostering.

Apollo

Apollo is a great family dog that is up for adoption to a good responsible home. He has been fostered as an inside dog by a family with two children for almost three months, and according to the family, he has proven to be a great family pet that gets along well with other animals.

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If you are interested in adopting one of these pups, contact Sonny at 989-9059.

Watson

PAWS president Katie Busenkell is fostering what she is calls "The Best Cat."

Watson, 10-month-old tabby cat, was found starving to death by Busenkell's dog, Holmes, about two months ago at Kilili Beach. Through lots of love, food, and numerous visits to the veterinarian, Watson has fully recovered and blossomed into quite a character.

Watson has been de-wormed and vaccinated. He is a very social animal, constantly looking for attention and talking. He gets along well with dogs and cats.

If you are interested in adopting Watson, contact Katie at 256-0243.

If you are interested in adopting one of the above animals, or have questions about responsible pet ownership, please contact PAWS at 285-PAWS or visit our website at www.paws-saipan.org or our blog at www.paws-saipan.blogspot.com. ***(PAWS)***

Rota High poll: Lizama favored on election day

A poll conducted by American Government students from Rota High School showed that Juan Lizama is favored by Rota voters.

Eighty-six registered voters were polled on who they would vote for the Congressional delegate to the United States Congress. The survey conducted at four high traffic locations was held on Wednesday, Oct. 29.

According to RHS American Government teacher Eusebio Hocog, the project provided the students an opportunity to gauge public sentiment had the election been held on Oct. 29. In addition, the students were able to have hands on experience in conducting a poll.

Lizama led the pack with 37 percent of the votes. The placement among the remaining candidates resulted in multiple ties for second, third, and fourth place. Pedro Tenorio, Gregorio Sablan, and John Gonzales tied for second place. Chong Won and Felipe Atalig filled the third place spot. David Cing and Luis Crisostimo filled the fourth place position with four votes a piece.

As the first-ever election survey conducted in the community by RHS students, there were reservations. "We were hesitant, but as we progressed further into the survey, we became more eager," said RHS senior Viony Hocog.

Lizama

The two-hour survey conducted by 16 students found the experience rewarding. Denn Manglona, RHS junior, said "I believe that the survey we conducted helped us both educationally and socially. We were able to open up to the community and learn how to conduct polls."

Calculating the poll results held just as much excitement and anticipation for the students. "It was unbelievable that Lizama garnered the highest percentage," said Antonio Barcinas Castro, RHS senior. Jayville Manglona, RHS senior, added "I was surprised that Luis Crisostimo didn't place as high as I expected."

The sample size represented approximately 6 percent of the 1,365 registered voters. In the 2005 election, 1,140 voters came out to vote for the Resident Representative to the United States. ***(PR)***

BIRTHDAY GIRL

Lenny Joyce B. Pelaez celebrated her 17th birthday last Oct. 31,2008. Photos shows her with friends at her house in Garapan. Lenny Joyce is the girl wearing the brown shirt.

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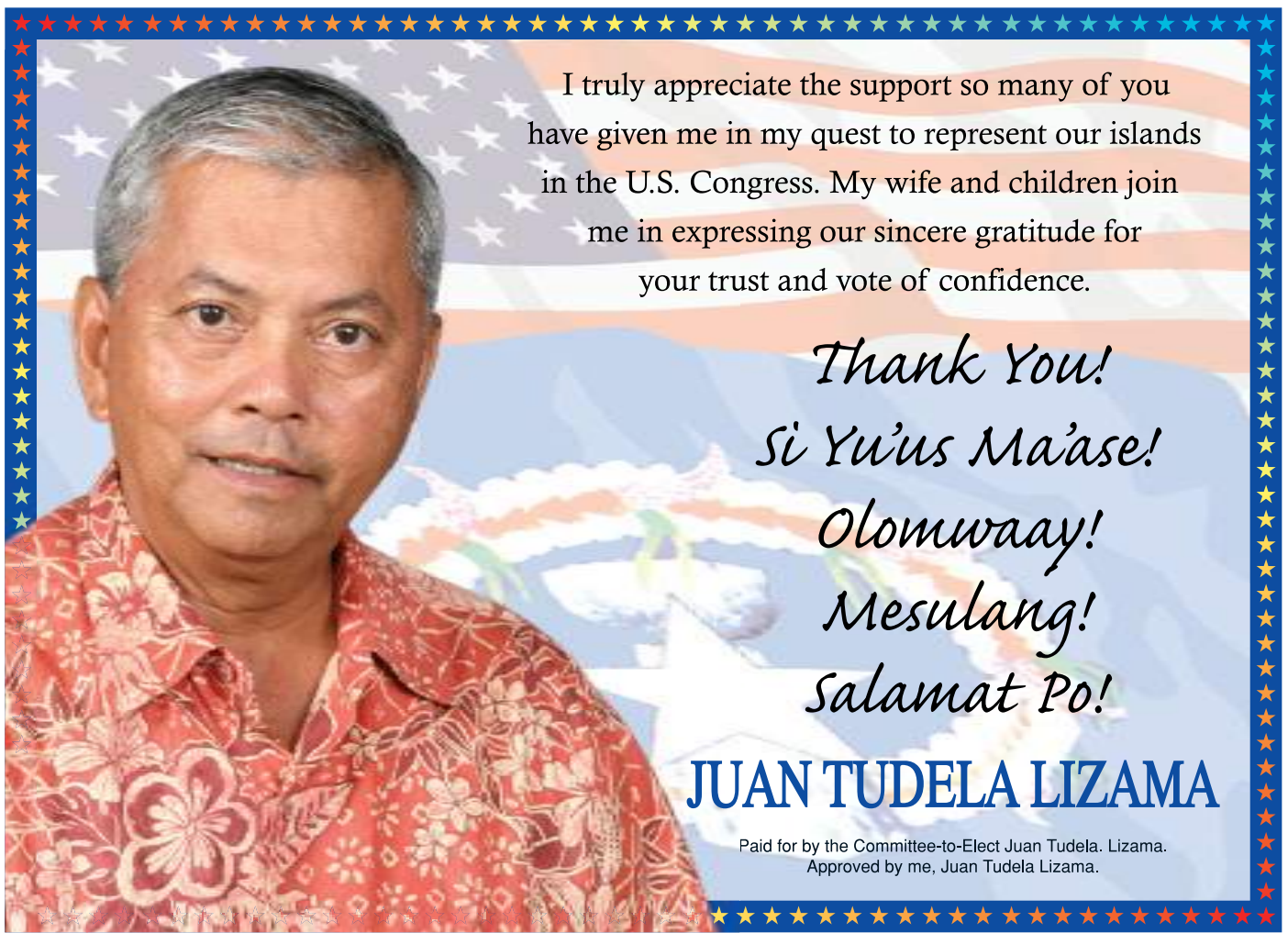
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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

November 03, 1999

Congress tapped for PCB cleanup
Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday said he would lobby the U.S. Congress for funding to clean up areas on the island contaminated with the cancer-causing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) chemical left behind more than three decades ago by American military forces. He also did not rule out the possibility of taking legal actions to compensate families suffering from the harmful effects of the contamination as he noted the Department of Public Health is expected to come up with a report on its impact in the community.

Voters assail lack of public information on proposals
Lucinda Rosario of San Jose thought she was ready to cast her vote on Saturday. She has already decided which candidates to vote for. When asked if she has also made up her mind on the legislative initiatives proposing amendments to the CNMI Constitution, she responded with a perplexed look on her face: "What legislative initiatives?" Three days into elections and several voters are still not aware that they have to deal with a set of questions that they need to answer through the ballot.

November 03, 2000

Republicans battle in open primary
The Republican Party is hoping to persuade majority of over 13,000 registered voters in the CNMI to troop to the polls for tomorrow's primary as the duel over who will be it's official bet for next year's gubernatorial election comes to an end. Polling booths in 12 locations on the three islands will be opened between 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. to accept voters during the open primary.

Continental resumes nonstop flights to Nagoya
Armed with the projected growth on the demand for more air transport services from Japan to the islands, Continental Micronesia is deploying nonstop flights between Nagoya and Saipan beginning April 1, 2001. The airline company will use its newly-acquired 737-800 aircraft, which can accommodate a maximum of 155 passengers, in the daily Nagoya-Saipan flights.

November 03, 2002

No concrete plans yet for old dump
The Babauta Administration continues to explore ideas about the future of the Puerto Rico dumpsite once it is finally closed, as construction of the Marpi landfill is completed soon. This was disclosed by Lt. Gov. Diego T. Benavente, who is also the chairman of the Governor's Solid Waste Task Force.

Spines chill, hairs raise at Youth Haunted House
Barely one step into the dark and narrow hallway of the Youth Haunted House and already, Halloween revelers felt chilling sensations crawl up their spine. Passing through the bloodied hospital bed laden with a gutted patient only confirmed of the even more horrific scenes up ahead.

November 03, 2003

Voters drop incumbents
It will be a tug-of-war between the ruling Republican Party and neophyte Covenant Party-only on its second election-for the leadership at the CNMI Legislature, as nine Covenant and seven GOP candidates appeared to have made it through the Nov. 1, 2003 midterm elections. Also, almost sure to take a seat in the 14th House of Representatives are one Democrat and an independent candidate.

Analyst says people want change in govt
If there is one clear message the CNMI voters had registered in Saturday's midterm elections, it is the need for change in government, which may lead to a bigger change in political landscape come 2004. "It tells us what my students have been saying: they want to see change. People simply didn't like status quo especially in the way the House and the Senate operate in general," said Northern Marianas College faculty and socio-political analyst Sam McPhetres when asked for comments.

Group says police presence will deter Election Day fraud

HAGATNA, Guam—The KEEP GUAM GOOD coalition insists that police presence on Election Day is essential to maintaining order.

They made the statement following a report on KUAM quoting police chief Paul Suba saying that no police presence will be available on Election Day and the Guam Election Commission Director John Blas's reaction that the lack of law enforcement may result in a legal challenge to election results.

The group is concerned that the lack of police escort in transporting ballot boxes to poll sites, being present around poll sites and again transporting the ballot boxes from the poll sites to the University of Guam could result in Election Day fraud.

According to the news report, Blas cited the Guam Election Commission policy dating back to 1974 and the Supreme Court of Guam's 2006 ruling, and stated that they are intended to mandate police presence throughout the voting process to act as a deterrent to possible election fraud. Blas indicated that not complying with the law's mandate opens the possibility of legal challenges to the Election's results.

Lina'la Sin Casino president Dr. Jose Cruz stated, "It is vital that the Guam Police Department be present at every single point which exposes the Guam Election Commission and the ballot boxes. Leaving open the possibility for election fraud should not be tolerated. We call on our government leaders and officials to assure that the GEC complies with the law in assuring law enforcement at every single point in the voting process."

KEEP GUAM GOOD is a coalition of concerned citizens from the legal, business, academic, religious, cultural and social communities of Guam whose mission is to educate Guam's citizens and work to defeat Proposal A. For additional information, please contact Dr. Jose Cruz at 864-9705. ***(PR)***

DOUBLE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Birthday greetings go out to the dynamic mother-and-son duo of Raena Celis, and Regino Celis IV. Greetings from cousin/uncle Charistma, as well as their fabulous familia and friends.

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Marriage Encounter Weekend Nov. 14-16

Help turn a good marriage into a great marriage through a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The CNMI's next Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held on Nov. 14-16, 2008 at the Saipan Grand Hotel.

If you are interested in joining the next Marriage Encounter Weekend, contact the Fall 2008 Registration Couple, John and Vicky Mafnas, at 285-8454, e-mail vbmafnas@yahoo.com. There are only a few slots open.

All Encountered Couples and Priests are invited to share their gifts, talents and time in the planning and hosting of this powerful Weekend! The next Planning meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 6, 7pm at the residence of Charles and Cathy Cepeda in Fina Sisu. Bring a potluck dish and join in the planning fun! ***(PR)***

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NOTICE OF CLOSURE LABOR CASES

First notice, October 27, 2008
Second notice, November 3, 2008

Notice is hereby given by the Department of Labor that all labor cases filed in the years 2007 and prior have been closed with the exception of the cases listed below. If you have a case from the years 2007 and prior (beginning with the numbers 07, 06, 05, 04, 03, 02, 01, 00, 99, 98, or 97) that you believe remains open, please bring the complaint document to Jeff Camacho, Supervisor, Enforcement Division, Department of Labor, Second Floor, Afetna Sq. Building, San Antonio, Saipan on or before November 14, 2007.

This is a final notice.

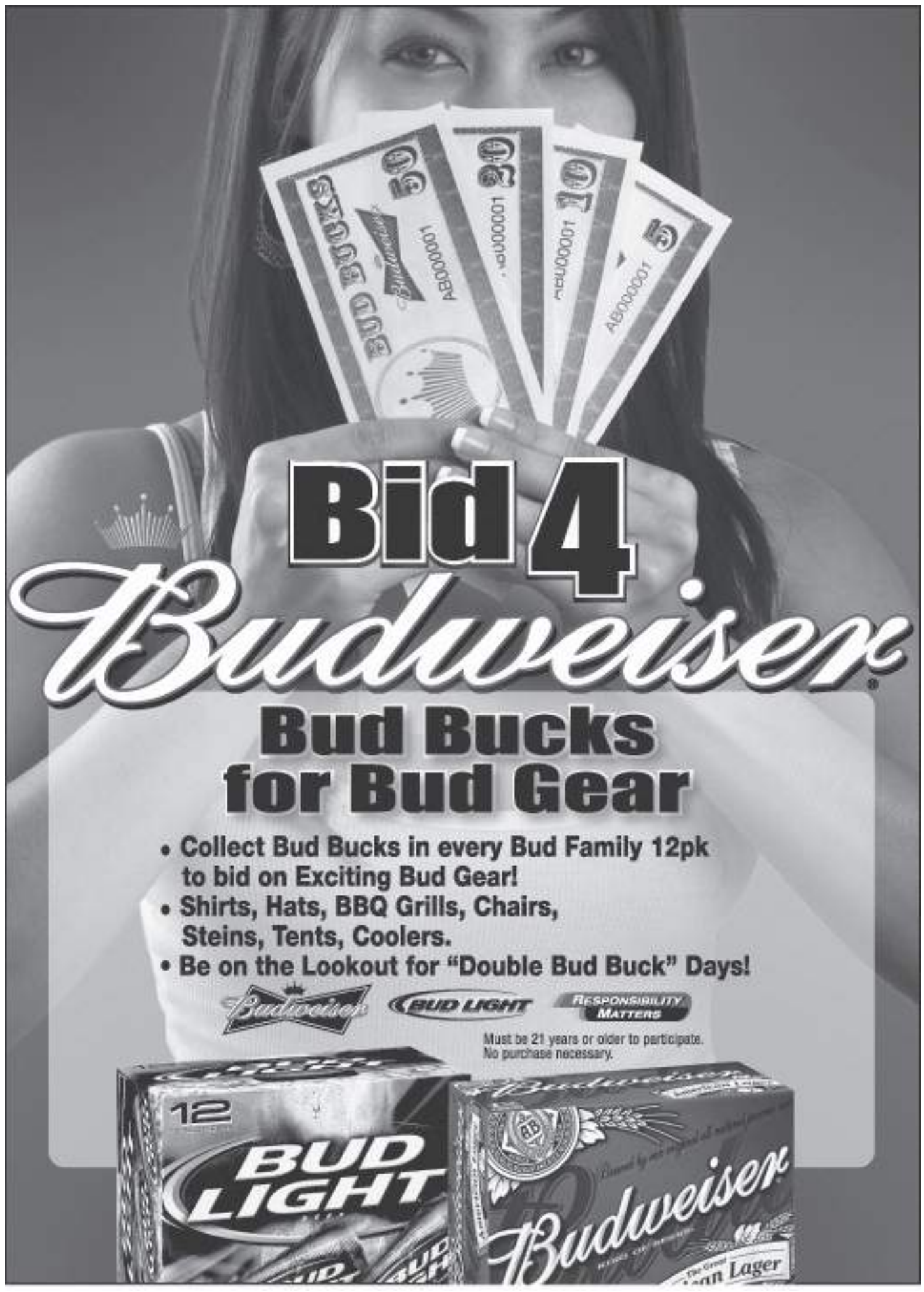
Cases currently scheduled in the hearing office
LC# 07-022
LC# 07-156
LC# 07-174
LC# 07-183
LC# 07-213
LC# 07-239
LC# 07-282
LC# 07-338
LC# 07-342
LC# 07-383
Cases heard and awaiting orders
LC# 07-208
LC# 07-333
LC# 07-335

Magnitude-5.1 quake shakes Guam; no damages or injuries reported

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—A moderate earthquake has shaken the island of Guam, but there are no reports of any damage or injury.

The U.S. Geological Survey says in a preliminary report that the magnitude-5.1 quake struck at 3:34 p.m. Sunday at a depth of about 24 miles (38 kilometers). It was centered 16 miles (25.75 kilometers) northeast of Hagatna and 126 miles (203 kilometers) southwest of Saipan.

A dispatcher from the Guam Police Department says she felt a light tremor at her office in the city of Tiyan, but there have been no reports of injuries or damages on the island.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A Middle East vote

As talks over a two-state settlement have stalled, Israelis and Palestinians lately have resumed old debates about whether a peaceful division of historical Palestine is still possible. Now Israelis will have a chance to vote on the question. The collapse of coalition negotiations in parliament means a general election will be held early next year to determine whether outgoing Prime Minister Ehud Olmert is succeeded by a leader committed to his unfinished negotiations with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas or by one who is inclined to set them aside. At best, the outcome could allow the new U.S. president to make a Middle East settlement one of his early foreign policy priorities. But a bad result is at least as likely.

In principle, most Israelis now accept the idea that a Palestinian state occupying most of the West Bank and Gaza Strip is far preferable either to continued Israeli occupation of those areas or to a single state in which Jews would eventually become a minority. That makes them liable to support Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni, who won a primary to succeed the scandal-besmirched Olmert as leader of the Kadima party. Livni appears genuinely committed to a peace deal, though she has appeared less flexible on its specific terms than Olmert. She offers Israelis a message of change; her rejection last week of the unseemly demands of a small religious party with which she sought to forge a parliamentary majority forced the election.

Most Israelis, however, are skeptical that it will be possible to settle anytime soon with Palestinians who are divided into two territories and two factions. Abbas' moderates in the West Bank and the militant Hamas in the Gaza Strip are negotiating to end their rift, but even if they succeed, the qualms of Israelis over Hamas' fundamentalist agenda will remain. They may also not feel much urgency: Thanks to the construction of a fence along the West Bank border and a cease-fire deal with Hamas, Israel has been more peaceful in recent months than it has been in years. That favors right-wing leader Benjamin Netanyahu, a former prime minister. It is likely that he would seek to put off a settlement with Palestinians indefinitely. Netanyahu is seen as inflexible and untrustworthy by many in Washington; his election could spell a fractious period in Israeli-U.S. relations.

At the moment, the parties of Livni and Netanyahu are tied in the polls. A clear victory by Livni could energize the peace process, and its pursuit by the new president could strengthen the U.S. position around the region. But more likely is a narrow victory by one side or a coalition government that hamstrings Israel's negotiating ability. That would perpetuate what at present is the leading obstacle to a deal, which is the political weakness of both the Israelis and Palestinians who seek it. As the Bush administration has discovered, intervention by the United States, even if energetic, cannot easily compensate for that deficit.

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IT'S A GOOD THING WE STILL HAVE THESE SUVs . . . THEY'LL BE GREAT FOR HAULING OUR GOVERNMENT BAILOUT MONEY.
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The road to prosperity—Part II

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Pellegrino is a longtime businessman in the CNMI and is the former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

Before we begin our journey to prosperity, we have to face some truths about who we are, what we think, where we want to go, how to get there and a multitude of other questions. Unless we accept these truths, we cannot make any progressive realization towards worthy goals. We must undergo a catharsis of our feelings. We must cleanse our thoughts and begin anew.

The past has brought us only temporary prosperity. It vanished as quickly as it came. Only a few profited from it. Little of it trickled down to us. Also as a result of how it was handled, it has made many of us poorer and more depressed about life in these lovely islands. Let me explain.

The world—and the CNMI—are very different from the late sixties, seventies, eighties, nineties and yes, even a year ago. No longer is it possible to hide actions or avoid disclosure. Instant communication with photographs, text and speech, internet transmission, cell phones, and all the other technology have put us under a microscope. We are no longer an island isolated from the rest of the world. We are part of the modern world. Like it or not.

When are we going to accept this new role and stop acting as though the world owes us a living? When are we going to grow up and act as a nation that is willing to help itself and accept the fact that no one will help us unless we help ourselves? When are going to stop asking for handouts from the United States? Have we no shame? No pride?

One of the sad things I have noted in most of the nine candidates' quest to become the first non-voting delegate to Washington is that most of them sing the same tune: "I am going to seek more money for us. We deserve it and by golly I am going to beg for it." Instead why not ask the U.S. Government to teach us how to farm and how to fish for our food.

Remember the saying: "Teach a man how to fish or how to farm and he will never go hungry." In other words, we should ask that the U.S. help us to become business people and how to operate our own shops and restore our economy.

It is estimated that there are still 18,000 nonresident workers here. Using an average pay of $800 per month times 18,000 workers equals $14,400,000 per month. Times this by 12 months and it equals $172,000,000 annually earned by nonresident workers. From this amount over $100,000,000 is remitted home and lost to our economy. To make matters worse we allow foreign labor to take away our jobs while also foolishly allowing over $100,000,000 to be remitted out of our country yearly which helps to drain our low economy even more.

Imagine having an extra $100,000,000 circulating around in banks for us to borrow, to build new homes and to buy things we so desperately need. In economics we are taught that the multiplier effect would swell this amount to over $800,000,000 as it circulates throughout our community. Wow! What a mind blowing concept!

Frankly speaking, we are as poor as a Third World Nation. We have no middle class. We are divided into two classes—the haves and the have nots. The closest we come to a middle class is a pampered subsidized mainly unskilled government workforce. Nepotism rears its ugly head in the CNMI daily. Woe to you if you are not in the "in-group." And all of this is propped up by a non-resident workforce which keeps the rest of us from wanting to become educated and skilled workers. As a result we remain in a state of poverty.

According to a recent census, there are about 16,000 households in the CNMI.

A. 28 percent or 4,480 families earn less than $10,000 per year.
B. 29 percent or 4,640 families earn less than $20,000 per year.
C. 13 percent or 2,080 families earn less than $30,000.
D. 20 percent or 3,200 families earn less than $60,000 per year.
E. Only 10 percent or 1,600 families earn an income of $60,000 or more per year.

Remember these sums are before taxes and before any other deductions are made. Thus the net take home pay is at least 10 percent less. The first three categories—28 percent + 29 percent + 13 percent add up to a whooping **70% of our families live at or below the poverty level.** To use the measure of the United States, if an individual earns less than $8,000 per year and a family of four earns less than $18,000 per year, they are considered to be below the poverty level.

We have created a monster which has robbed us under false pretenses. Over the years we have allowed ourselves to be edged out of the workplace by cheap labor. We can change this if we begin in earnest by educating ourselves and learning a skill.

When a foreign investor comes in, we should be the first to be hired. But we must be able to do the job, not merely because we are locals. We should be able to own and operate our own small businesses, not because we are locals, but because we are trained to.

As the late Earl Nightingale always said: "You are, at this moment, standing, right in the middle of your own acres of diamonds." We do not have natural resources, but we can have skilled people who can produce more prosperity than any natural resources can.

Recall that several months ago I wrote about the plight of Nauru. Once rich in phosphate and as a result of that, for awhile, each resident enjoyed a high income. But now the phosphate is gone and the people never learned any skills. As a result Nauru is bankrupt having lost all its investments and is burdened with about 90 percent unemployment. Read its current history and weep.

A similar thing has happened to us but with a slight twist. We employed nonresident workers during the garment industry boom and enjoyed a brief economic high. But alas this is all has come to

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Job 1 for Obama: Avoid Bush booby traps overseas

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Ever since Joe Biden suggested that the world would "test" Barack Obama if he becomes president, the McCain campaign has been hoping to make political hay out of the remark. "We don't want a president who invites testing from the world," John McCain warned voters.

But every new president is "tested" by national security crises, some predictable, some not. And I'm a lot less worried about the tests "the world" might offer Obama than about the national security booby traps the Bush administration is leaving behind for him.

Start with Iraq. The Dow's gyrations have pushed it off the front pages, but it's still there—along with nearly 150,000 U.S. troops (compare this with "pre-surge" troop levels of 132,000 to 135,000). And the administration appears to be doing its best to make Obama's planned troop drawdown difficult.

We can't leave behind a stable Iraq without the cooperation of Iraq's neighbors, but this week's cross-border raid by Iraq-based U.S. troops into Syrian territory led Syria to break off high-level diplomatic contacts with U.S. officials—contacts that only recently had been resumed. Heated negotiations over the status of U.S. forces in Iraq have further increased tensions with Syria, Iran and the Iraqi government, which fear permanent U.S. military activities in the region. The current impasse in status-of-forces negotiations also threatens to leave U.S. troops in Iraq with no legal basis for their presence when their U.N. mandate expires Dec. 31. Happy New Year, Barack!

Then there's Afghanistan.

The Bush administration followed early military successes with grandiose promises of democracy and prosperity, then mostly ignored Afghanistan for the next six years. Meanwhile, the Taliban reconstituted itself, al-Qaida leaders slipped away into Pakistan's ungoverned tribal regions, and U.S. troops found themselves playing an increasingly deadly game of Whac-a-Mole against an elusive and ill-defined enemy. According to the latest national intelligence estimate, Afghanistan is now in a possibly irreversible "downward spiral."

For years, Obama has criticized the administration for taking its eye off the ball in Afghanistan and has pledged more troops and resources to "finish the job." But it's no longer clear what the "job" is and whether it's one our troops have a realistic chance of finishing.

We know from Iraq that countering insurgencies requires a long, hard slog—success not guaranteed—and that the presence of foreign troops can help fuel nationalist insurgencies. More troops in Afghanistan might have turned things around if those troops—and a less stingy reconstruction package—had arrived five years ago, when Afghan hopes were high. But after years of Bush administration malfeasance, increasing U.S. troop levels without an accompanying dramatic shift in regional strategy risks turning Afghanistan into another Iraq.

Or worse, because the Afghan booby trap is wired tightly to the Pakistani booby trap. Pakistan is the proud but horrifyingly unstable possessor of a nuclear arsenal. If the escalating conflicts in the Afghanistan-Pakistan border regions spin out of control, we could end up in another Iraq-like situation—only with weapons of mass destruction in the mix for real this time.

Increasingly, U.S. forces have sought to reduce violence inside Afghanistan by staging cross-border counterattacks against suspected Taliban and al-Qaida targets based inside Pakistan. Tactically, there's some logic to this. Strategically, not so much.

Pakistan has never been a paragon of stability, and years of unconditional Bush administration military aid for Pervez Musharraf's repressive government made things worse. Now, with the Bush administration increasingly violating Pakistani sovereignty with cross-border strikes, relations between the United States and the new government of Asif Ali Zardari are tenser than ever.

In principle, Obama agrees that strikes inside Pakistan at times might be justified—but experts close to him suggest that many of the strikes authorized by the Bush White House probably wouldn't have passed muster for Obama. But that might not matter. Like it or not, Obama will inherit a situation in which U.S. credibility and popularity in Pakistan are close to zero and the Pakistani government is only barely in control.

It's a situation that's all but designed to blow up in his face.

Some booby traps left by departing administrations are harmless. Clinton pranksters allegedly removed all the "W" keys from White House computer keyboards in January 2001, and outbound Bush 41 staffers reportedly left drawers full of pencils cut down to inch-long stubs. But no one got hurt.

If we can someday say the same about the booby traps this Bush administration is leaving behind, we'll be very lucky.

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an end. The balloon has burst, and we have nothing to show for it except the same unskilled and poor residents. What benefits trickled down to help us?

Unless we learn the skills and trades needed to cultivate our own country, we will suffer the same fate as Nauru. We still have time. But like a sick person, no matter what the doctor says to help him and no matter what medicine he takes, unless he has the will and firm desire to get well, he never will.

Let us have the will to learn a trade. I guarantee you; we will have jobs and a good income for a lifetime. But the most exciting of it all is that we will have created it with our own hands.

Consider countries like Singapore, Japan, Korea, and Switzerland that have little or no natural resources. But they all enjoy one thing in common—a highly educated and skilled populace with a high economic life.

I implore the youth of our country to think differently. Study hard, learn skills. Opportunities will be waiting for those that do. If we value our heritage, stay and help rebuild our economy again. There are undiscovered diamonds under our feet. Become the shop owners and the service people. Become innovative and lead us to new heights.

Recall the quote by Napoleon Hill in his book *Think and Grow Rich*: "What the mind of man can conceive and believe, he can achieve."

As I close for this week, I hope I am getting you to think: "Yes, I can and will do it!" God bless you. Let's continue our discussion next week. Have a great day.

Letters to the Editor

Taotao Tano's position on Article 12

We continue to hear in the media and radio stations that fear is part of the reason we don't want Article 12 dismantled. Taotao Tano states that fear is not the issue but rather respect for our laws of the land as written and negotiated by our forefathers. This demands respect and adherence. Sections 805 of our Covenant in Political Union with the United States clearly assures that the people of the Northern Marianas (Chamorros/Carolinians) will be able to retain the ownership of their precious assets, their land. This section expressively recognizes the importance of the ownership of land for the culture and tradition of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands and the desirability of protecting them against exploitation and promoting their economic advancement and self-sufficiency. For these reasons we, the people of the Commonwealth (Chamorros/Carolinians), will be able to prevent the alienation of their land to outsiders, notwithstanding any other Article of the Covenant or any provisions of the Constitution or treaties or laws of the United States applicable to the Northern Mariana islands.

Under this Section the government of the Northern Mariana Islands must, until 25 years after the termination of the Trusteeship, regulate the alienation of permanent and long-term interest in property so as to restrict the acquisition of such interest to persons of Northern Mariana Islands descent. After the expiration of this 25-year period, the government of the Northern Mariana Islands *may* (don't have to, no need, not necessary) regulate the alienation of property as described. Moreover, the government of the Northern Mariana is specifically authorized to regulate the extent to which any one person *may* hold or own land which is now public land.

Leave Article 12 alone!

Gregorio Cruz,
President, Taotao Tano CNMI Inc.

Not afraid to take punches

The record speaks for itself that Governor Fitial is not afraid to take many punches from his critics. He's not afraid of them because they are not ghosts. They are just human beings equipped with mouths to talk and ears to hear.

The practice of fair criticism is absolutely necessary when it comes to hurting the feelings of another person can take time to heal after the shout or ridicule an elected official such as the CNMI Governor. In doing so, it only makes you look like an empty biscuit can that sounds too loud, emptily.

If you are shouting because you have many frustrations inside your heart, then the antidote is to take your time with patience and understanding and drop by the Governor's Office for a cup of coffee. You will never know if this is going to be your golden opportunity to meet with Governor Fitial.

The readers of the CNMI are sick and tired of hearing negative comments from someone who is not making sense at all. It's about time that something is done to correct this ill-practice once and for all.

Hang in there. It's coming your way. And more coming forthcoming.

Martin M. Sakisat
Via email

Korean nurses get frisked

In my hand, I hold a letter signed July 2, 2008 by Joseph C. Santos, MPH, Deputy Secretary for Hospital Administration which is cc'ed to Joseph Kevin Villagomez, MA Secretary of Public Health. From this letter addressed to Mr. Jay Kim, I quote, "Thank you for your interest in the Commonwealth Health Center and we look forward to collaborating with your company in providing meaningful internship experiences for these nurses…. Take care and I look forward to meeting your nurses when they arrive to the Commonwealth."

I have the uncommon pleasure to spend two hours every day teaching these highly educated and highly skilled nurses in a Nursing Communication Skills course. All of these nurses were mortified to read in both papers Mr. Villagomez misquoting some of them as having been promised CHC jobs let alone internships. When Mr. Villagomez interviewed these experienced nurses all eight remaining nurses were present and listening to his questions. All of these nurses emphatically deny that any of them even suggested that there had been any promise made to them at all. All eight are unified in support and appreciation for Mr. Jay Kim who has worked and continues to work tirelessly to create a win-win opportunity for Saipan and for all involved. His commission is low when compared to commissions in Korea. I know because I have lived in Korea and worked with Korean agents. All eight emphatically deny they had to pay a special fee in order to be brought here. All eight of these "victims" only feel victimized by Mr. Villagomez's claims.

All they ever wanted to do as part of this three-month program was to improve their English level as they VOLUNTEERED at the hospital. Eventually, they would love to actually work in the CNMI or other favorable locations abroad, but they were never guaranteed anything.

These ladies who have all passed the NCLEX have successfully applied for and paid for and received CNMI nursing licenses as recommended for them by the Department of Public Health. Hmmm, three months of free clinical help from experienced nurses—potential for a win-win here?

Also in the letter from the Dept. of Public Health was confirmed the understanding that those struggling with English "will be attending classes … to improve on those skills." These nurses are not expecting to be put in decision making roles that could endanger patients because low English ability, but to serve in helping roles as they become familiar with the workings of a U.S. hospital.

I am willing to give Mr. Villagomez the benefit of the doubt—that he forgot about the letter, that he has the protection of these ladies at heart, and that he misunderstood some of the ladies when speaking with them. I know this will all work out, but there is no doubt that we have had another frisking episode on island that needs to be apologized for and mended soon.

Dr. E. Roland Brown
Commonwealth Health Center

Give it for free

Instead of putting the price tag on the CUC, why not just give it away and let the company that will take it and manage it better than what we're getting right now.

My concern is that it's better to give it to someone and manage it better

Linda Pangelinan
Via email

The Weather

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼78°	▲88° ▼78°	▲87° ▼78°	▲87° ▼78°	▲87° ▼78°

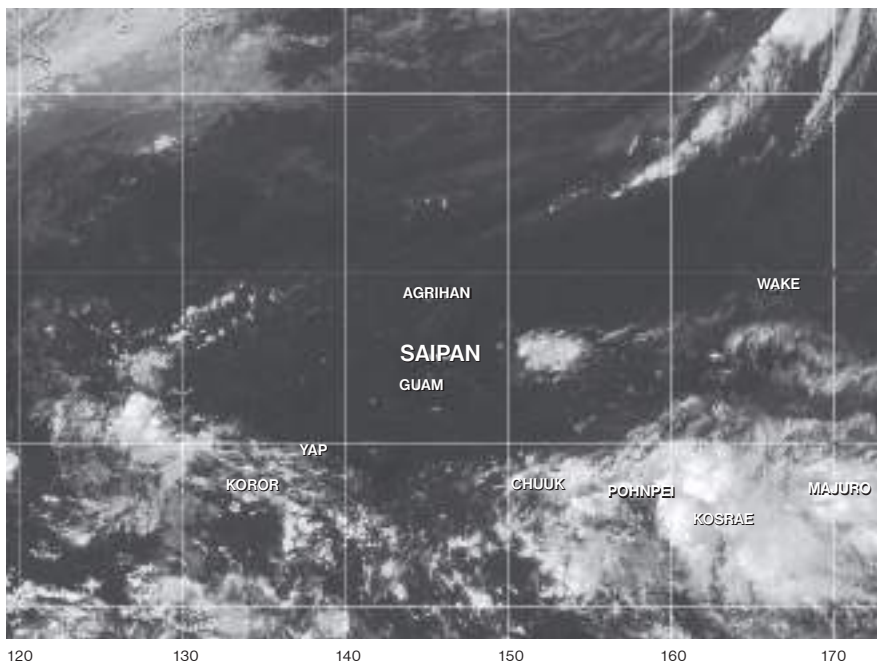
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲85	▼76
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	▲87	▼76
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼77
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼74
Kosrae	Mostly Cloudy	▲87	▼77
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼78

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Sunny	▲66	▼60
Beijing	Sunny	▲57	▼40
Hong Kong	Cloudy	▲82	▼74
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲82	▼71
London	Cloudy	▲54	▼43
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲72	▼54
Manila	Cloudy	▲85	▼76
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲63	▼46
Miami	Partly Sunny	▲84	▼71
New York	Cloudy	▲56	▼48
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲69	▼50
Paris	Rain	▲57	▼46
Pusan	Mostly Cloudy	▲60	▼39
Rome	Partly Sunny	▲76	▼59
Salem	Rain	▲55	▼42
San Francisco	Mostly Cloudy	▲64	▼53
Seoul	Sunny	▲50	▼36
Tokyo	Partly Sunny	▲70	▼57
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲62	▼49

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:20PM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2008
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Western north pacific between equator and 25n from 130e to 180. A near-equatorial trough extends southeastward from 4N130E to end at EQ135E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring southwest of the trough axis south of Koror from the equator to 1N between 130E and 135E. An upper-level circulation east-northeast of Guam centered at about 13N152E is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms within 60 miles of the center. Trade-wind convergence and a few embedded surface troughs are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between the equator and 10N from 152E to 180. This area includes Pohnpei, Kosrae and Majuro and is just east of Chuuk.

Tides

Saipan Harbor		
4:38AM Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
12:11PM Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
5:29PM Today	Low Tide:	1.4 Feet
9:28PM Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:14AM	5:47 PM
Tuesday	6:14AM	5:47 PM
Wednesday	6:15AM	5:47 PM
Thursday	6:15AM	5:46 PM
Friday	6:15AM	5:46 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:27AM	9:48PM
Tuesday	11:13AM	10:40PM
Wednesday	11:57AM	11:32PM
Thursday	12:37PM	
Friday	1:16PM	12:22AM

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DEPARTURES

Saipan-Rota

CO9597	11:50am	12:25pm	1,7

Saipan-Guam

CO9317	5:00am	5:50am	Daily
CO9313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
CO9597	11:50am	1:20pm	1,7 via Rota
CO9601	12:30pm	1:20pm	2,3,4,5,6
CO9603	3:30pm	4:20pm	Daily
CO9605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
CO9599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily

Saipan-Narita

NW 099	5:00am	7:40am	Daily
NW 078	8:25am	1:30pm	2,3,4,5,6,7
NW 075	4:55pm	7:30pm	Daily

Saipan-Osaka

NW 083	4:30pm	7:20pm	Daily

Saipan-Nagoya

NW 078	8:25am	11:05am	Daily

Saipan-Seoul

OZ 604	2:30am	6:20am	1
OZ 604	2:40am	6:30am	2,3,4,5,6,7
OZ 606	3:20pm	7:00pm	Daily

Saipan-Busan

OZ 608	3:50am	7:20am	1,4,5,7

Saipan-Shanghai

OZ 608	1:30am	4:30am	2,6

Rota-Guam

CO 9597	12:50pm	1:20pm	1,7

Guam-Manila

CO 893	5:50pm	9:10pm	3,5 via Koror
CO 933	8:00pm	9:40pm	Daily
PR 111	6:00am	7:50am	1,2,4,6,7

ARRIVALS

Rota-Saipan

CO 9598	3:25am	4:00am	5,6

Guam-Saipan

CO 9316	2:30am	3:20am	1,2,3,4,7
CO9598	2:30am	4:00am	5,6 via Rota
CO9596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
CO9600	10:20am	11:10am	Daily
CO9602	2:00pm	2:50pm	Daily
CO9604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
CO9606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

Narita-Saipan

NW 076	10:15am	2:40pm	Daily
NW 077	6:25pm	1:25am+1	2,3,4,5,6,7
NW 100	8:45pm	1:15am+1	Daily

Osaka-Saipan

NW 084	10:40am	3:10pm	Daily

Nagoya-Saipan

NW 077	9:00pm	1:25am+1	Daily

Seoul-Saipan

OZ 605	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ 603	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ 603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1,2,3,4,5,6

Busan-Saipan

OZ 607	9:30pm	2:40am+1	3,4,6,7

Shanghai-Saipan

OZ 607	5:30pm	12:30am+1	1,5

Guam-Rota

CO 9598	2:30am	3:00am	5,6

Manila-Guam

CO 892	10:10pm	5:30am+1	3,5 via Koror
CO 934	11:10pm	4:40am+1	Daily
PR 110	10:10pm	4:00am+1	1,3,5,6,7

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
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Letter to the Editor

Voting by numbers for the US Congressional delegate

Numbers and numerology are big on island, what with the large population of Filipinos and Chinese, the Pachinko shops, and the gaming tables—under the lights and in the shadows. With Rota coming on line to become a destination for those who itch on the etched patterns of numbers and their sequences, and Saipan already famous for its poker arcades, and the moveable tables in select Garapan houses, we are a commonwealth driven and fueled by numbers.

As the CNMI go to the polls tomorrow to choose the delegate to the U.S. Congress, the slate of nine candidates make it possible that the elected representative could very well have less than 20 percent of the vote. Except for Misters Won and Davies, whose middle names are not as significant as the sudden elongated ones of the other candidates, the votes for the remaining seven will most likely hinge on familial sentiments or clannish orientation.

With a wide berth to choose from, how might one go about choosing? The candidates drew lots and the sequence by which the names will show up on the ballot is as follows:

1. John Oliver de los Santos Gonzales (Ind.)
2. Chong Man Won (Ind.)
3. David Mendiola Cing (Dem.)
4. Juan Tudela Lizama (Ind.)
5. Pete Agulto Tenorio (Rep.)
6. Luis Placios Crisostimo (Ind.)
7. John Henry Davies, Jr. (Ind.)
8. Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind.)
9. Felipe Quitugua Atalig (Ind.)

The campaign billboards have since prominently displayed the numbers drawn, and I suspect that candidates deliberately parade their numbers for its numerological implication.

Looking after No. 1 was the mantra of the business schools in the '80s. John Gonzales does that well. Assertive and aggressive, his individualism is the Yang in the Chinese yin-yang symbol. Sure-footed and self-confident, the style would be familiar in Wall Street and M Street in Washington, but John might have discovered that his self-confidence and perceived self-promotion might have turned-off more people than were drawn to his pied-piper campaign.

Former Saipan Police officer Chong Man Won drew the second spot, No. 2, which is the Yin in the yin-yang symbol, the balancing and unifying force, receptive, easy and flexible. An electronic techie and neophyte politico, he is fresh and driven, considers himself the underdog, and to the betting person, would be a long shot. In a sense, Won on the ballot has already won for the non-indigene in the CNMI political scene.

The perfect number in Egyptian numerology is No. 3. It is steady and solid, the source of pyramidal strength which even Uncle Sam borrowed in our paper currency, our legal tender. It is live with power but also sensitive to public decorum. It is no wonder then that David suspended his campaign when allegations were made of impropriety about his brother, and thus, his family. Number three operates out of objectivity and neutrality. The triad exudes synergy; tripartite involves cooperation; the trinity manifests mystery. Three is the number of completion.

Number 4, is mental energy in Indian numerology. Ex-Justice Lizama fits the bill to a T. Used to mental calisthenics and the aerobics of the mind, the Judge have had many occasions to slice the Solomonic hair from the bench. There are four cardinal points; four seasons; four winds; four directions (as in North, South, East, West); four elements (Fire, Water, Air, Earth) in the western culture. There are four sides to a square; four arms to a cross. There are four watches of the night and day, quarters of the moon. There are four quarters to the earth. This is the number for wholeness. Cantonese, however, consider this number unlucky, for the word comes close to the same word that means death and suffering. Juan T. will not want to lunch at the Canton House tomorrow!

The No. 5 is the symbol of human microcosm, the number of the human being. The pentagon with arms and legs out stretched makes the human form. The pentagon is endless, sharing the symbolism of perfection and power of the circle. Five is a circular number as it produces itself in its last digit when raised to its own power. The pentacle, like the circle symbolizes wholeness, the quincunx being the number of its center and the meeting point of heaven, earth, and the four cardinal points plus the center point. The dynamic, restless and relentless Pete A. holds this number pole. It represents action, willfulness, and determination. For a Republican whose followers wear "blue" in street rallies, these partymates of GWB could not be all that bad!

Responsibility is the cornerstone of No. 6, the easy and smooth all-the-way type, as opposed to the contradiction-focused, conflict-and-compromise variety. Six represents equilibrium. Six is the symbol of luck; love; health; beauty; chance. It is a winning number at the throw of the dice in the West. There are six rays of the solar wheel and there are six interlaced triangles. There are six pointed stars or Seal of Solomon—and Star of David. Crisostimo landed this number, and as a maverick Democrat, he has a claim on my short list.

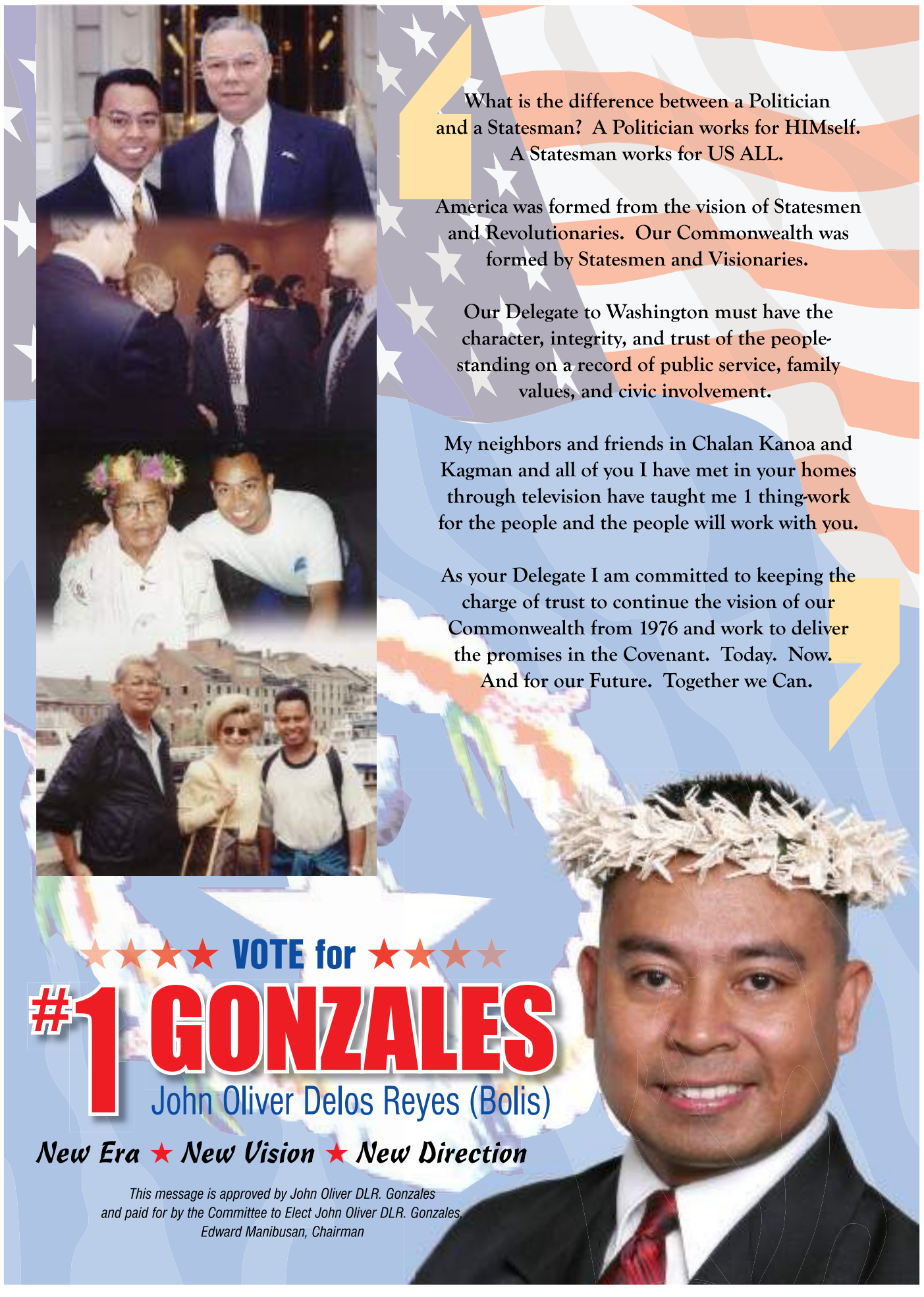
John Davies has No. 7, the luck of the Irish number. It is the number for thoughtfulness and consciousness. Paying attention to life is Davis' pedagogical task, but he is handicapped by the fact that CNMI electorates do not vote on policy stand and clarity of issues. Number 7 sounds also like the word for glutton in Chinese, so John will stay away from the Chinese buffet at Fiesta on Tuesday! Needless to say, John's inclusion on the slate is already a winning occasion for the CNMI. Egyptian numerology has this line: "*a seventh of me is added to me and I return fully satisfied.*" We wish on John satisfaction of the depth of the heptagon, the mystic seven, on this foray into the political arena.

Power and sacrifice, fortune, and posterity is symbolized by No. 8? Telephone folks will tell you that No. 8 is a premium number among Koreans, Chinese, and Japanese. It is the paramount preferred number in Tibet-Sino-Mongolian numerology. It is the number par excellence, in the Chinese system of belief, eight represents the whole.It is all possibilities in manifestation. The PAKUA is the design depicting the eight trigrams and pairs of opposites, usually in a circle, the circumference of which symbolizes time and space. It is a feature of the Korean flag. There are eight delights of human existence that signifies completion. Erstwhile Democrat Kilili holds No. 8.

The number 9 also denotes completion but of the infinite and celestial type—rather out of this world. It is also a slang/vulgar word in Cantonese, and Mr. Atalig will not get the few Chinese votes on island. The Ennead in Egyptian myth complements nine as pure intelligence in Jewish thought, with the nine gods and muses in Greaco-Roman theological pantheon.

Devoid of any other rational means for choosing, I might just go by the numbers.

Jaime Vergara
Via e-mail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Business

No big sellers in sight to save troubled Chrysler

DETROIT (AP)—In crises past, Chrysler has somehow managed to stamp out a blockbuster hit vehicle to pull itself away from the cliff's edge. But as it faces a possible sale to another automaker and what may be the most serious problems in its 83-year history, industry analysts say there's nothing in the current product portfolio that looks like a savior.

Chrysler's U.S. sales are down 25 percent through September, the worst decline of any major automaker. Losses are mounting: well over $1 billion for the first half of the year. Things are so bad that Chrysler LLC wants to shed a quarter of its salaried work force, and its owner, Cerberus Capital Management LP, is talking with General Motors Corp. and others about a sale.

Of Chrysler's 26 models on sale in both 2007 and 2008, only four have sold more this year than last, and three of those are small-volume niche vehicles such as the Dodge Viper. The company's market share has dwindled from 16.2 percent in 1996 to 11 percent this year, according to Ward's AutoInfoBank.

Analysts say there are no cutting-edge designs or potential big sellers in sight to rescue the maker of the Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep brands.

The smallest of Detroit's three automakers, once-brash Chrysler took risks and gained big rewards for vehicles like the 300 full-size sedan in 2005. The company invented the minivan when it introduced the Plymouth Voyager and Dodge Caravan in 1984. The Plymouth Reliant and Dodge Aries "K-car" sedans of 1982 helped earn the money to repay $1.5 billion in government-guaranteed loans that saved Chrysler from going under in 1980.

"If Chrysler has another hit on the way, I am unaware of it," said David Lewis, professor emeritus at the University of Michigan, who followed the auto industry and taught business history for 43 years until retiring earlier this year. "Oh, for the days when the minivan was an instant homerun, and Chrysler owned that highly profitable market segment."

With little in its product pipeline, a chilly economy and the worst U.S. auto sales slump in 15 years, analysts say Chrysler may not make it on its own, and that's why Cerberus is shopping the company to GM and others. Chrysler also has a lineup tilted toward trucks and sport utility vehicles when customers are buying mainly fuel-efficient cars.

"In many ways this really looks like the end of the road for Chrysler in the way that we know it," said Aaron Bragman, an auto analyst with the consulting company IHS Global Insight. "They are going to face a change in ownership, that is a certainty. From what we hear, product development is on hold because of the uncertainty."

Chrysler's lackluster products, said Bragman, can be traced to the nine years it was owned by Germany's Daimler, which approved chintzy interiors and cars with more noise and vibration than the competition.

"The truth is Daimler did them no favors," said Jim Hall, managing director of 2953 Analytics of Birmingham, Mich. "They approved products that previous Chrysler management wouldn't have approved if they were completely drunk and beaten crazy."

Under Cerberus, which bought 80.1 percent of Chrysler from Daimler AG in August of last year, the Auburn Hills-based automaker has tried to improve its products. Its latest vehicles have far nicer interiors, especially the new version of the Ram pickup.

But quality concerns still haunt Chrysler. Nearly two-thirds of its model lineup were below average in Consumer Reports' annual vehicle reliability rankings this year. The Chrysler Sebring sedan was the worst-rated car.

Through the first nine months of this year, Chrysler sold 1.18 million vehicles in the U.S. - 395,304 less than the same period last year.

Chrysler's leaders say they have made cuts to stem negative cash flow and have slashed factory production so the company isn't producing more vehicles than it sells. Despite the large losses, they say Chrysler is meeting its internal goals.

The company is banking on the new Ram to pull it out of sales doldrums, but its release this fall coincided with one of the worst pickup markets in years. Chrysler also says it is making big strides on quality and plans to bring out seven new products in 2010, including a subcompact made by Nissan Motor Co.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Oil notches record monthly drop on US downturn

NEW YORK (AP)—Oil prices ended the week with a modest rally Friday but couldn't erase one ugly October: Crude capped its biggest monthly drop since futures trading began 25 years ago, weighed down as a deflated U.S. economy crushes demand for fuel. Oil's huge collapse—prices fell 32 percent for the month—has stunned oil-producing countries while giving cash-strapped U.S. consumers a rare dose of relief. Pump prices have fallen by about 40 percent since their summer peak above $4 a gallon, a drop that's expected to result in staggering annual savings for American households—well in excess of $100 billion. "That's a pretty powerful stimulus to consumers," said Adam Sieminski, chief energy economist at Deutsche Bank Global Markets in Washington. After trading lower most of the day, oil prices staged a late-session surge on the back of a Wall Street rally.

Machinists union ratifies pact with Boeing

SEATTLE (AP)—Machinists union members have ratified a new contract with The Boeing Co., ending an eight-week strike that cut the airplane maker's profits and stalled jetliner deliveries. Union members voted about 74 percent in favor of the proposal on Saturday, five days after the two sides tentatively agreed to the deal and union leaders recommended its approval. The union represents about 27,000 workers at plants in Washington state, Oregon and Kansas. The union has said the contract protects more than 5,000 factory jobs, prevents the outsourcing of certain positions and preserves health care benefits. It also promises pay increases over four years rather than three, as outlined in earlier offers.

Mining for minerals fuels Congo conflict

LONDON (AP)—The conflict in eastern Congo is being fueled and funded by a tussle for mineral resources that end up in cell phones, laptops and other electronics—deepening the stakes in a war that sprung out of festering hatreds from the Rwandan genocide. Rebel militias and Congolese army troops are fighting each other for control of mineral-rich land. They can then sell the raw materials they mine and use the proceeds to fund their activities and arms—which prolongs the conflict. "The links are very clear between the mining activity going to finance these groups, and these armed groups we know have been benefiting financially from the mining areas," said Lizzie Parsons, a member of the Congo team at London-based Global Witness, a non-governmental organization that investigates natural resource exploitation.

Nation

AP

Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., reacts to the cheers of supporters during a campaign rally in Perkasie, PA., Saturday afternoon, Nov. 1, 2008.

Last weekend: Obama confident, McCain seeks upset

SPRINGFIELD, Va. (AP)—Warmed by the cheers of thousands, John McCain and Barack Obama plunged through the final weekend of their marathon race for the White House, the Republican digging for an upset while his confident-sounding rival told supporters, "We can change this country

"Yes we can," Obama said, his slogan across 21 months of campaigning.

Both candidates were backed by legions of surrogate campaigners, door to door canvassers and volunteers at phone banks scattered across the country as they made their final rounds Saturday in a race that carried a price tag estimated at $2 billion.

Obama, ahead in the polls, maintained stride despite news that an aunt from Kenya, Zeituni Onyango, lives in the U.S. illegally. The Democratic candidate "has no knowledge of her status but obviously believes that any and all appropriate laws be followed," said a written statement given to The Associated Press, which reported the story.

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Campaign strategist David Axelrod added, "I think people are suspicious about stories that surface in the last 72 hours of a national campaign." McCain made no mention of Obama's relative, but he worried aloud about the consequences of Democrats winning the White House while maintaining control of Congress. He warned of an agenda that "apparently ... starts with lowering our defenses and raising our taxes."

He contended that Obama was "running for redistributor in chief, I'm running for commander in chief."

The Republican spent much of the day in Virginia, trying to make up ground in a state that has not voted Democratic since 1964 but leans that way now. "We're a few points down, but we're coming back," he said. "I'm not afraid of the fight, I'm ready for it and you're going to fight with me."

Obama was in Nevada, then Colorado and Missouri, all states that voted for President Bush four years ago. Obama's visit to Colorado marked his sixth trip to the swing state since he clinched his party's nomination in June.

"We have a righteous wind at our back," he told one audience.

Cautious joy as blacks imagine Obama win

Lula Cooper expects the tears to flow if Barack Obama becomes the first black president. But she's not breaking out the tissues just yet.

"I cried when I marked my ballot for him. We've had such an incredible journey to this point," said the former civil rights activist, her voice quavering. "I think he's going to win, but I really am very, very cautious."

Like a Hollywood blockbuster whose conclusion feels assured but still sets the heart racing, the endgame of this election has gripped black America with a powerful mixture of emotions.

Obama's potential victory represents a previously unimaginable triumph over centuries of racism. But beneath the hope and pride lies fear: of polling inaccuracy, voting chicanery, or the type of injustice and violence that have historically stymied African-American progress.

Cooper, 75, experienced the oppression of the 1950s and '60s as she was dragged off to jail for protesting segregation in Wilmington, Del., where her husband was DuPont's first black chemist. Now living in the Southwest, she said she experienced modern politics when her husband lost a recent bid to become their city's first black mayor after the election was switched to mail-in ballots rather that polling-place voting.

ACROSS THE NATION

Judge orders White House to produce wiretap memos

WASHINGTON (AP)—A judge has ordered the Justice Department to produce White House memos that provide the legal basis for the Bush administration's post-Sept. 11 warrantless wiretapping program. U.S. District Judge Henry Kennedy Jr. signed an order Friday requiring the department to produce the memos by the White House legal counsel's office by Nov. 17. He said he will review the memos in private to determine if any information can be released publicly without violating attorney-client privilege or jeopardizing national security. Kennedy issued his order in response to lawsuits by civil liberties groups in 2005 after news reports disclosed the wiretapping. The department had argued that the memos were protected attorney-client communications and contain classified information. But Kennedy said that the attorney-client argument was "too vague" and that he would have to look at the documents himself to determine if that argument is valid and also to see if there is information that can be released without endangering national security.

Mom of Iowa toddler found dead charged with murder

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP)—The mother of a toddler who was found dead after being reported missing by his father was charged with the boy's murder. Michelle Kehoe, 35, was charged Thursday with first-degree murder in the death of 2-year-old Seth Kehoe. Buchanan County Attorney Allan VanderHart said she also faces charges of attempted murder and child endangerment resulting in serious injury for attacking her 7-year-old son, Sean. Eugene Kehoe reported his wife and children missing Sunday night. They left their Coralville home to visit relatives earlier in the day and were found Monday when Michelle Kehoe walked into a home in Littleton and said the children were in danger, investigators had said.

Asia

N. Korea releases new photos of leader Kim Jong Il

AP

In this undated photo released by (north) Korean Central News Agency via Korea News Service in Tokyo Sunday, November 2, 2008, North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, wearing glasses, watches a soccer game between teams of the (north) Korean People's Army.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea released new photographs of leader Kim Jong Il on Sunday amid intense speculation over the health of the communist country's absolute ruler.

Kim, 66, reportedly suffered a stroke and underwent brain surgery in August. North Korea has denied he is ill and has in recent weeks released news reports, photos and footage portraying the leader as active and able.

On Sunday, the North's state TV showed undated still photos of what it said is Kim watching a football match between two army-affiliated teams and talking with people, according to the South Korean Unification Ministry.

One of the photos shows Kim sitting with other people inside a building and watching something from what appears to be a special viewing stand. Kim is shown smiling, wearing his trademark sunglasses with a brown jacket and black pants, but scenes of any football match are not visible.

Other shots show Kim in the same clothes, talking with people near a field, although no football players are seen. Separate photos released show standalone scenes of a football match.

Police arrest 3 in attacks in India that killed 77

GAUHATI, India (AP)—Police have arrested three people and are investigating whether local militants received help from other terrorist groups in carrying out coordinated attacks that killed at least 77 people in India's troubled northeast, officials said Saturday.

Two people were taken into custody because their vehicles —a car and a motorcycle—are believed to have been used in two of the 13 blasts that rocked Assam state Thursday, said Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta, a state inspector-general of police.

Police also arrested Nazir Ahmed, whose cell phone was allegedly used by a little-known group to send a text message to television station News Live claiming responsibility for the attacks, Mahanta told The Associated Press.

R. Chandranathan, another state inspector-general of police, said the group, calling itself the Islamic Security Force (Indian Mujahadeen), also thanked its partners in the text message and warned of future attacks.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Pakistan: Suicide car bomb kills 8 troops

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan (AP)—A suicide bomber rammed his car Sunday into a group of Pakistani paramilitary forces at a fort in a volatile region near the Afghan border, killing at least eight troops, officials said. The bombing occurred at a checkpoint near the main gate of the Zalai Fort, where members of the Frontier Corps were gathered, said Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas, the Pakistan army's top spokesman. The fort is outside Wana, the main town in South Waziristan, a tribal region considered a hub for al-Qaida and Taliban fighters involved in attacks on U.S. troops in Afghanistan. The Pakistani troops were washing their vehicles at the time of the attack, said two intelligence officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to media. The officials described the explosion as "large" and said it collapsed the checkpoint and damaged the front wall of the fort.

Thaksin says Thai enemies make return impossible

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)—Thailand's exiled former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra told tens of thousands of supporters in his homeland Saturday that he cannot return as long as he has a jail sentence hanging over him. Thaksin, who served as the country's elected leader from 2001 until he was ousted by a military coup in September 2006, was this year convicted in absentia to two years in prison on conflict of interest charges. He spoke in a phone call broadcast to his supporters attending a rally at a Bangkok stadium. The event represented the biggest response yet of Thaksin's followers to a rival movement that is seeking to demolish his political legacy.

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Monday, October 27, 2008, first notice
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DC 08-059	Sabugo, Felicidad S.	SBR Ent. Inc.
DC 08-909	Shan, Rongmei	Seman, Enrique K.
DC 08-320	Cortez, Emyln A.	Tababa, Dionesio
DC 08-317	Dacuno, Irenea Y.	Tababa, Dionesio
DC 08-318	Nagpacan, Edwin G.	Tababa, Dionesio
DC 08-319	Catbagan, Victoria L.	Tababa, Dionesio M. Jr.
DC 08-824	Chua, Oscar G.	Tenorio, Elizabeth K.
DC 08-152	Marzan, Lydia Timotea R.	Tenorio, Ray And Janice
DC 08-083	Tesoro, Pancid N.	Untalan, Magdalena
DC 07-434	De Belen, Ronilo L.	Villagomez, Gloria G.
DC 07-0461	Navarro, Jeremy L.	Villagomez, Gloria G.
DC 08-814	Genobaten, Ana Marie O.	Viray, Clarito C.
DC 08-019	Cai, Zhen	Zheng Shi Corporation
DC 08-468	Huang, Haixia	Zhong Run Commercial Co., Inc.

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NOTICE OF HEARINGS PENDING DENIAL APPEALS

Monday, October 27, 2008 first notice
Monday, November 03, 2008 second notice

Notice is hereby given to the persons listed below to appear at the Hearing Office, Department of Labor, Second Floor, Afetña Square Building, San Antonio, on the date and at the time listed below. Please bring any documentation necessary to resolve the issues that led to the denial of your permit application. If you fail to appear or fail to bring required documentation, the appeal may be dismissed and an administrative order may be entered against you. Any employee who intends to request permission to transfer to a new employer must appear at the hearing to make that request; failure to appear may result in immediate denial of transfer relief.

ANY EMPLOYER WHOSE DENIAL AROSE FROM A FAILURE TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION, AND WHOSE DOCUMENTATION IS NOW COMPLETE, MAY REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF LABOR AND HAVE THE DENIAL REMOVED. ANY EMPLOYER WHOSE DENIAL IS REMOVED NEED NOT APPEAR AT THE HEARING.

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DC 08-1075	Yu, Ki Young	B & J Corporation	NOV. 06, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-1025	Ararao, Jimy C.	Bateman, Bruce A.	NOV. 06, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-1074	Li, Meiling	Bautista, Stacey N.	NOV. 06, 2008	9:00 A.M.
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DC 08-1084	Turani, Norhasi C.	Manglona, Joaquin M.	NOV. 06, 2008	9:00 A.M.
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DC 08-1086	Santos, Augusto I.	Saipan Trolling Co. Inc.	NOV. 06, 2008	1:00 P.M.
DC 08-1073	Wen, Haiqiang	San Nicolas, Vicente	NOV. 06, 2008	1:00 P.M.
DC 08-1071	Lahoylahoy, Norbelina F.	Su, Ung Tae	NOV. 06, 2008	1:00 P.M.
DC 08-973	Maglanque, Emeralyn	Woodruff, Stephen C.	NOV. 06, 2008	9:00 A.M.

World

WORLD BRIEFS

Egyptian president pledges to push reform

CAIRO, Egypt (AP)—Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak promised Saturday to push ahead with economic reform and step up efforts to combat poverty, despite the impact of the international financial crisis on Egypt's economy. In a speech to his ruling National Democratic Party convention, Mubarak also ordered the government to develop strategies to mitigate the effect of the crisis on Egypt's two main sources of income—tourism and exports. The convention is being held amid increasing skepticism of the government, political uncertainty and worsening economic woes in the Arab world's most populous nation. "I want to stress the party's and government's commitment to economic reform and our determination to continue that without hesitation," Mubarak said in an hour-long speech. "But, at the same time, I want to stress that social development and combating poverty is part and parcel of this vision," said Mubarak to almost 3,000 party members.

New Yorker recounts survival on Guyana river

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP)—A 48-year-old New Yorker who survived almost two days bobbing in the choppy waters of a vast South American river said she was kept alive by a plastic bucket and the desire to see her daughter again. Sherry Haynes, a resident of Brooklyn who was born in Guyana, was riding across Guyana's Corentyne River in a water taxi on Oct. 24 when the speedboat apparently snagged on a fishing net and capsized. Only Haynes and a crewmember survived, while six died, including her sister and nephew. "My husband told me he would have given up after the first night, but I am not like that," she told The Associated Press on Saturday. "At nights I drifted to Suriname, and in the day to Guyana, and then back again. The tides were very strong." She said prayer—and the desire to see her 19-year-old daughter again—kept her going. Haynes realized people were trying to rescue her when she saw police boats in the river.

Iraq earmarks $15 billion for reconstruction

BAGHDAD (AP)—Iraq has earmarked some $15 billion - nearly 25 percent of its 2009 draft budget - to help rebuild the country's crumbling infrastructure, energy and oil facilities, the finance minister said Saturday.

But Bayan Jabr stressed those funds fall far short of the hundreds of billions of dollars Iraq needs to put its shattered economy back on its feet and appealed to foreign investors to help bridge the gap.

Speaking at a U.S-Iraqi investment conference in Baghdad, Jabr said a government study determined Iraq needs some $400 billion to upgrade its existing infrastructure and build new facilities.

"That is why we have to resort to investment in Iraq ... in many sectors including electricity, oil, oil byproducts, refineries, housing, infrastructure and banks," he said.

Jabr said Iraq's 30 private banks are still grappling with a capital shortage, despite the government's increased credit support. "That is why we think there is a great chance for banks in the U.S., Europe and the neighboring countries to start joint ventures with our banks and to enter the Iraqi market," he said. "In this way, we can give more chance to credits and to other fields."

He said the country's "primitive" insurance market presents a similar opportunity for foreign companies.

Iraq's economy has recovered slowly since the 2003 U.S.-led war, and the state budget has received a boost from high oil world prices this year.

But Planning Minister Ali Baban warned that Iraq, which is dependent on oil revenues for more than 90 percent of its national capital budget, must wean itself off its oil dependence.

Crude oil prices have fallen from a record $147.27 a barrel on July 11 to below $60 this week, before rebounding slightly Friday to around $67.

"This is an extremely dangerous situation for the Iraqi budget to depend totally on oil prices," Baban said.

"That makes Iraq's economy greatly exposed which is something Iraq has to get rid of as soon as possible. We can succeed in this by having varied sources of national income and by reactivating Iraq's real economic sectors of agriculture and industry."

The recent slide in oil prices has already forced Iraq to cut its planned 2009 budget from about $80 billion to $67 billion.

Baban cited a slew of other problems that he said have hindered faster growth, including an over dependence on the government for everything from investment to building.

"A great part of Iraq's budget is spent on employment at the expense of investment," he said.

Like the finance minister, Baban suggested the key to boosting the economy lies in attracting investment from abroad and encouraging the private sector to increase its role in the economy.

"Iraq has to build a strong and efficient private sector. In general, if we failed to attract the domestic investor, our chance of attracting the foreign investor would be greatly limited."

Rebels tighten their grip in eastern Congo

TONGO, Congo (AP)—Tutsi-led rebels tightened their hold on newly seized swaths of eastern Congo Saturday, forcing tens of thousands of frightened, rain-soaked civilians out of makeshift refugee camps and stopping some from fleeing to government-held territory.

Aid organizations said they were increasingly worried about a lack of food and shelter.

European officials offered sympathy but no concrete promise of military reinforcements for the Congolese troops and U.N. peacekeepers routed by rebel forces in the sudden and dramatic escalation of eastern Congo's civil war in the past week.

The rebels appeared to be maintaining a unilateral ceasefire they declared a day earlier, focusing on consolidating territories that stretch to the doorstep of the provincial capital, Goma, instead of taking the city.

The rebels, who said people were leaving the refugee camps of their own free will, asserted that they stopped short of Goma in hopes of stopping the chaos that had engulfed it as government troops fled along with tens of thousands of refugees. However, Goma was also the site of rebel leader Laurent Nkundas greatest defeat when U.N. attack helicopters fired on his fighters advancing on the city in December, killing hundreds of them. It was not clear if that experience influenced his decision.

The area that Nkunda has seized is a minerally and agriculturally rich area that commands much of the access to the Rwandan and Ugandan borders.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff, vs. **ROSLYN C. PALACIOS,** Defendant.	)	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 08-0358** **AMENDED SUMMONS**

TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT ROSLYN C. PALACIOS

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO APPEAR by the 21st day after the fourth date of publication of this AMENDED SUMMONS and defend the above entitled action in the CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, at the Office of Clerk of Court, CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Ilmwal Aweewe, House of Justice, Susuper Village, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan MP 96950-0307; and answer the complaint of the plaintiff Bank of Guam, and serve a copy of your answer upon **Robert Tenorio Torres**, attorney for Plaintiff Bank of Guam, at **Plata Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kiya), P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950;** and in case of failure to do so, judgement will be rendered against you according to the demand of the COMPLAINT, which has been filed with the Clerk of Court.

So **ORDERED** this 22th day of October, 2008

/s/ **Bernadita A. Sablan**
Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff, vs. **SALVELO M. HESUS** Defendant.	)	**CIVIL CASE NO. 08-0364** **AMENDED SUMMONS**

TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT SALVELO M. HESUS

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO APPEAR by the 21st day after the fourth date of publication of this AMENDED SUMMONS and defend the above entitled action in the CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, at the Office of Clerk of Court, CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Ilmwal Aweewe, House of Justice, Susuper Village, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan MP 96950-0307; and answer the complaint of the plaintiff Bank of Guam, and serve a copy of your answer upon **Robert Tenorio Torres**, attorney for Plaintiff Bank of Guam, at **Plata Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kiya), P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950;** and in case of failure to do so, judgement will be rendered against you according to the demand of the COMPLAINT, which has been filed with the Clerk of Court.

So **ORDERED** this 24th day of October, 2008

/s/ **Bernadita A. Sablan**
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, vs. **PLASTAG ENTERPRISES, INC., the ESTATE OF PLASIDO M. TAGABUEL, DORIS TAGABUEL, ARLENE I. TAGABUEL, and JOHN HENRY I. TAGABUEL,** Defendants.	)	Civil Action No. 04-0482A **NOTICE OF AUCTION**

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Plastag Enterprises, Inc., the Estate of Plasido M. Tagabuel, Doris Tagabuel, Arlene I. Tagabuel, and John Henry I. Tagabuel in the following described, real property situated in the CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Lot No. 010 G 12, (formerly part of Lot 010 G 11, formerly part of Lot 010 G 04, formerly part of original Lot 010 G 02) as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 010 G 03, the original of which was recorded 09 Nov 93 as Document No. 93-3937 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.;

Lot No. 018 E 69, (formerly part of Lot 018 E 06, Lot 018 E 07, and Lot 018 E 65) as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 018 E 05, the original of which was recorded 06 OCT 92 as Document No. 92-3227 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.;

and
Lot 2003-4-2, (formerly part of Lot 2003-4-R1, formerly part of Lot 2003-4, formerly part Lot 2004-R2, formerly part of Lot 2003 REM, formerly part of original 2003, TD 771) as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2110/88, the original of which was recorded 11 May 88 as Document No. 88-1525 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, November 28, 2008,** subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
   a.) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
   b.) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c.) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Oscar C. Camacho, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 235-7147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
5. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Plastag Enterprises, Inc., the Estate of Plasido M. Tagabuel, Doris Tagabuel, Arlene I. Tagabuel, and John Henry I. Tagabuel in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 20th day of October 2008.

/S/ **SANTIAGO F. TUDELA, COMMISSIONER**
Department of Public Safety

Northern Mariana Islands
RETIREMENT FUND

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SALE / ASSIGMENT OF LOANS
RFP NO. RF09-054

OPENING DATE: **OCTOBER 27, 2008** CLOSING DATE: **NOVEMBER 26, 2008**

The Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund is seeking proposals from qualified financial institutions including government agencies interested in purchasing and capable of servicing the Fund's loan portfolios made under the Fund's Member Home Loan Program and other loans made as Economically Targeted Investments.

To receive the RFP packet, fax, e-mail or mail your request to:

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The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in a proposal if doing so is in the best interest of the Fund. All proposals shall become the property of the NMI Retirement Fund.

Health & Fitness

Last rep: Put it in writing

By JEANNINE STEIN
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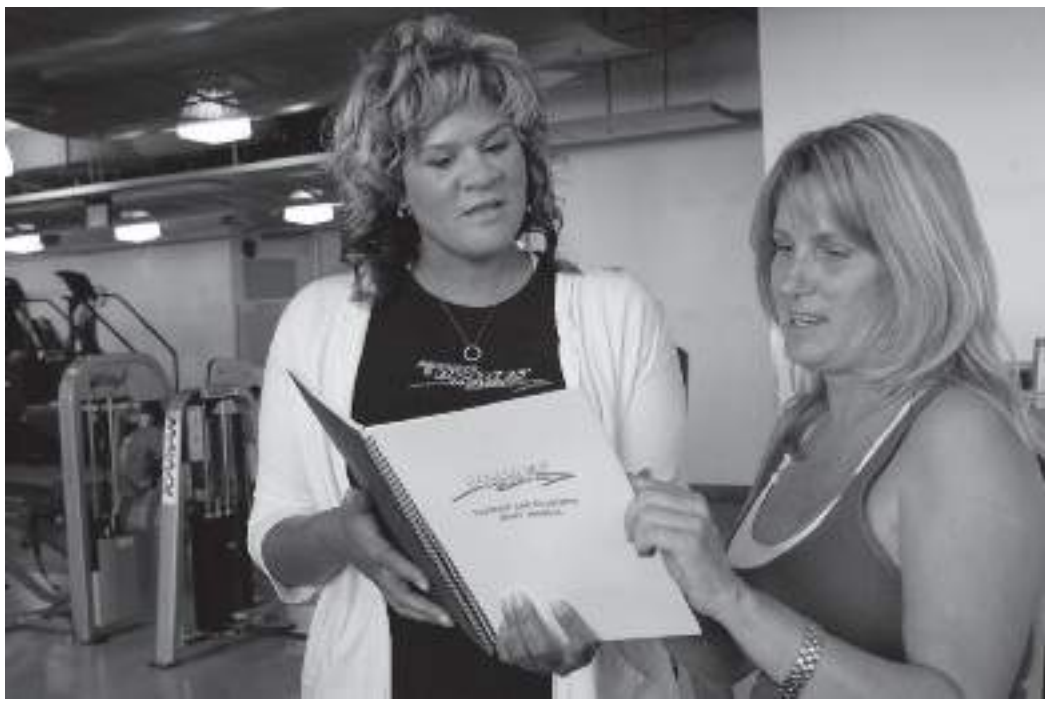

LOS ANGELES TIMES
Personal trainer Laura Christy, left, goes over a workout journal with her client, Linda DeHovitz, at Bodies in Motion in West Los Angeles.

Keeping a workout journal is an easy way to track exercise progress. Maybe that's why many personal trainers suggest (or insist) their clients keep one. After all, it is difficult to recall exactly how many minutes at what intensity you did on the elliptical trainer last time. Without those details, workouts blend into one another with no real progress measured.

Three trainers who advocate journal-keeping discuss how to do it effectively.

Ian Murray
Head coach of L.A. Tri Club and co-owner of Triathlon Training Series:

Keeping a workout diary is the best thing an athlete can do for their training. I instruct my athletes to start with a marker set—we confirm two variables and let one determine their fitness. For example, a good marker set for running would be 1 mile around the track at a fixed heart rate, like 150 beats per minute. You have the fixed distance and the fixed intensity, and then you have the variable—how long it takes you to do that mile with that heart rate. So as you train, you can go back to that marker set and see improvements. If you're training for an event, you can also look back on your log to gain confidence. If you're preparing for a marathon and it's a week before the race, it's very natural to have the I'm-not-ready-jitters. But by going back and looking at your log, you can see that on this week you ran 20 miles, and that you've done many long runs.

It doesn't matter if you use pen and paper to keep a log, or a spread sheet. You devise it. Most people have some kind of daily calendar, so they can just add some little notation -- that's their workout log. I do think that distance and time are two good things to keep track of, and the rest can be left up to them.

For someone who wants to lose weight, the best thing they can do is write down what they eat every day. Even if you're just concerned about your energy levels throughout the day, a food diary can be a huge help for that too. It becomes easy to assess why you're getting a drop in energy, since it relates to the calories you're taking in and the nutrition you're getting.

Brad Bose
Co-owner of Bose Management, personal trainer and exercise physiologist, Santa Monica, Calif.:

The more detailed it is, the more you know about yourself. If you put down your sets and reps and amount of weight you're lifting, you're going to see if you're increasing or getting stale. Some people even like to put down the time of day when they train. If you train first thing in the morning, you'll know that you were fresher and stronger than if you trained later and weren't able to lift as much weight.

It surprisingly doesn't take much time. Most people take rest periods between sets, so you can write things down then. It doesn't become tedious as much as it gives you that pattern to your workout. . . .

A log should include body fat, weight, how far you run—all the little details. Even though those calorie counters on cardio machines are inaccurate, put the number down anyway. You'll still be able to see that you're burning more calories as you get in better shape.

From a food standpoint, I almost make it a must for clients to keep a food log if they have any specific goals at all. People deny what they really eat. But if you keep a food log, and you know you have to write down the 15 M&Ms you just ate, you're a lot less likely to pull those 15 M&Ms out of the bowl.

And when you start to put the food log with the training log, that's where you can see how you're putting in all this work, and 15 M&Ms are destroying that. You can look at someone's log and see that they're training as hard as they possibly can, but their food log looks like a 13-year-old's.

Laura Christy
Corporate fitness manager and personal trainer, Bodies in Motion, West Los Angeles:

The more specific you are in your log, the better you'll be able to reach your goals. ... Even if someone has no means to invest in a trainer, they should still get some type of journal or template. It makes a difference.

You can look at the beginning of your log and see the progress, from doing 10 minutes on the elliptical to doing 30 at Level 5. We want it to be detailed and include as much information as possible. ... All the calories consumed in a day should be factored in, because a lot of people don't realize that they'll grab a handful of popcorn eight or nine times a day.

I tell my clients to pick a cheat day that they can look forward to one day a week. ... We recommend doing a progress check once a month and that will reveal if people are following their plan and we can see where they are. It really turns into more of a confessional than people not telling you the things they did.

Women of all ages finding strength in weight training

By JEANNINE STEIN
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Strength training is not just for muscle-heads anymore.

A study published in the journal Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise in September found that although older women gained muscle strength after an eight-week strength-training program, they showed little improvement in muscle power, or how much force is generated in a given amount of time.

The latter is indicative of having fewer fast-twitch muscle fibers which are engaged during sprinting, kicking a ball or getting up and down from a chair.

The study included 49 inactive women, half younger (18 to 33 years old) and half older (65 to 84 years old). A few served as a control group, not altering their normal routine. The training groups engaged in an eight-week strength-training program consisting of knee-extension exercises that concentrated on quadriceps muscles. The women did the exercise at a normal speed to increase muscle strength, then faster to increase muscle power.

The younger and older women showed about a 12 percent increase in muscle strength, which Dain LaRoche, lead author and assistant professor of exercise science at the University of New Hampshire, calls "a huge benefit."

But when it came to muscle power, the young women logged a 35 percent increase, while the older women had only a 9 percent increase.

Part of that, according to the study, could be that the strength-training program didn't provide enough stimulus. But LaRoche believes other factors are in play as well.

"With aging," he says, "you tend to lose the fast-twitch muscle fibers. And if you have less of them to begin with, you might get less adaptation. ... The lack of physical activity with aging plays a big role too. If you think of activities older people tend to do, it's walking, gardening—things that tend to be low-intensity that don't use the fast-twitch muscle fibers."

LaRoche says that what some people think is adequate strength training might not be intense enough. For example, lifting lightweight dumbbells that don't stress the muscles enough won't do the trick.

"People need to use resistance heavy enough to cause them to fatigue in eight to 12 repetitions," he says.

Having more powerful upper- and lower-body muscles, he adds, could prevent falls that can have serious consequences in older people.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, vs. MARIANO S. NAPUTI Defendant. — CIVIL ACTION NO. 05-382 — NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE OF HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an order issued by the Court in this matter on November 13, 2006, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot no. 002 G 334, situated in Kagman II, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat. No. 002 G 08, the original of which was recorded May 14, 1990, as a document No. 90-1905, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The Sale will be held Friday, November 28, 2008 at the hour of 1:30 pm, at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 27th day of October, 2008:

/s/ **Michael A. White**
Auctioneer

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. EUGENE M. BABAUTA and ANGELA L. BABAUTA, Defendant. — CIVIL ACTION NO. 06-459 — SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE OF HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on December 5, 2007, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 045 A 064, situated in As Matuis, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 949 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 045 A 003, dated July 12, 1989, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 90-1671, the description therein being incorporated herein by Reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The Sale will be held Friday, December 5, 2008, at the hour of 1:30 pm, at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 27th day of October, 2008:

/s/ **Michael A. White**
Auctioneer

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. PRISCILLA T. CASTRO Defendant. — CIVIL ACTION NO. 06-504 — SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE OF HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on August 2, 2007, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot no. 011 G 702, situated in Kagman III, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 800 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 14, dated December 1, 1993, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 93-4182, the description therein being incorporated herein by Reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The Sale will be held Friday, December 5, 2008, at the hour of 1:30 pm, at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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Auctioneer

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. HONORA A.KOSHIRO and SALVADOR S. KOSHIRO Defendant. — CIVIL ACTION NO. 06-509D — THIRD AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE OF HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on September 28, 2007, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 011 G 197, situated in Kagman III, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 795 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 04, dated December 1, 1993, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 93-4412, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The Sale will be held Friday, December 5, 2008 at the hour of 1:30 pm, at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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DATED, this 27th day of October, 2008:

/s/ **Michael A. White**
Auctioneer

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. JOSE I. KAPILEO and ESTATE OF LONA P. PHILLIP, deceased, Defendant. — CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-0075 — SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE OF HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on December 13, 2007, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 005 I 129, situated in Koblerville, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 1,104 square meters, more or less, as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 005 I 0, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 16702 on March 11, 1983, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

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Life & Style

McCain pokes fun at his campaign on 'SNL'

NEW YORK (AP)—Republican John McCain poked fun at his presidential campaign's financial shortcomings and his reputation as a political maverick in an appearance on NBC's "Saturday Night Live."

The presidential hopeful made a cameo appearance at the beginning of the show, with Tina Fey reprising her memorable impersonation of McCain's running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin.

McCain, who is trailing Democrat Barack Obama in most battleground state polls, also appeared during the show's "Weekend Update" newscast to announce he would pursue a new campaign strategy in the closing days of the campaign.

"I thought I might try a strategy called the reverse maverick. That's where I'd do whatever anybody tells me," McCain said.

And if that didn't work, "I'd go to the double maverick. I'd just go totally berserk and freak everybody out," the Arizona senator quipped.

Earlier in the show, McCain and Fey, portraying Palin, said they couldn't afford a half-hour campaign commercial on network television like Democrat Barack Obama aired earlier this week. They said they'd sell campaign products on the QVC shopping channel instead.

AP

Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. and his wife Cindy McCain arrive at NBC studios where he will appear on Saturday Night Live Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008 in New York.

Among other things, McCain advertised a set of knives to cut through pork in Washington. His wife, Cindy McCain, briefly appeared to advertise "McCain Fine-Gold" jewelry, a play on the campaign finance law McCain authored with Wisconsin Democratic Sen. Russ Feingold.

Fey, as Palin, advertised a set of "Joe" dolls commemorating Joe the Plumber, Joe Six Pack and her Democratic rival, Joe Biden.

The pretend Palin also pulled out T-shirts saying "Palin 2012" and said she wouldn't be returning to Alaska after the election.

"I'm either running in four years or I'm going to be a white Oprah," she said.

Friday's late-night wrap-up of election jokes

NEW YORK (AP)—As the presidential campaign nears its end, late-night TV hosts aren't letting up. A selection of jokes from Friday, with Halloween a favorite topic:

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Barack Obama "took time out to take his kids trick-or-treating. That was nice. He would only let them take candy from households making over $200,000. No candy from anybody under $200,000!"—Jay Leno, NBC's "Tonight Show."

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"Halloween: It's the dead, walking among the living. That's what Halloween is. They come back to life. They're dead, but they're walking around. No, wait a minute—that's the McCain campaign."—David Letterman, CBS' "Late Show."

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"Everybody is in the Halloween spirit, and I love that. Even the Democratic presidential candidate changed his name. He's now Barack-O-Lantern."
—Letterman.

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"They had to put out a special warning today (for) Sarah Palin's traveling press corps: Don't dress up as an animal, or she might shoot you."—Jimmy Kimmel on ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live!"

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"This week John McCain said that people who live in coastal states like Florida should get more of the money from offshore drilling. I think that's called 'spreading the wealth around.'"—Leno.

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"Oprah Winfrey says she plans to attend Barack Obama's election night rally in Chicago. So, win or lose, Obama's going home with a new car."—Conan O'Brien on NBC's "Late Night."

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After Obama's successful infomercial earlier this week, "John McCain is thinking of making one. But his is for the Craftmatic Adjustable Bed."—O'Brien.

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"John McCain says Joe the Plumber is his 'role model' and today said he wants to take him to Washington if he's elected president. Not a bad idea: They will need someone to install safety rails around the White House toilets."—Kimmel.

Palin takes prank call from fake French president

TORONTO (AP)—Sarah Palin unwittingly took a prank call Saturday from a Canadian comedian posing as French President Nicolas Sarkozy and telling her she would make a good president someday.

"Maybe in eight years," replies a laughing Palin.

The Republican vice presidential nominee discusses politics, the perils of hunting with Vice President Dick Cheney, and Sarkozy's "beautiful wife," in a recording of the six-minute call released Saturday and set to air Monday on a Quebec radio station.

Palin campaign spokeswoman Tracey Schmitt confirmed she had received the prank call.

"Governor Palin was mildly amused to learn that she had joined the ranks of heads of state, including President Sarkozy and other celebrities, in being targeted by these pranksters. C'est la vie," she said.

The call was made by a well-known Montreal comedy duo Marc-Antoine Audette and Sebastien Trudel. Known as the Masked Avengers, the two are notorious for prank calls to celebrities and heads of state.

Audette, posing as Sarkozy, speaks in an exaggerated French accent and drops ample hints that the conversation is a joke. But Palin seemingly does not pick up on them.

He tells Palin one of his favorite pastimes is hunting, also a passion of the 44-year-old Alaska governor.

"I just love killing those animals. Mmm, mmm, take away life, that is so fun," the fake Sarkozy says.

He proposes they go hunting together by helicopter, something he says he has never done.

"Well, I think we could have a lot of fun together while we're getting work done," Palin counters. "We can kill two birds with one stone that way."

AP

Republican vice presidential candidate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, attends a rally at the West Port High School in Ocala, Fla., Saturday, Nov.1, 2008.

The comedian jokes that they shouldn't bring Cheney along on the hunt, referring to the 2006 incident in which the vice-president shot and injured a friend while hunting quail.

"I'll be a careful shot," responds Palin.

Playing off the governor's much-mocked comment in an early television interview that she had insights into foreign policy because "you can actually see Russia from land here in Alaska," the caller tells her: "You know we have a lot in common also, because ... from my house I can see Belgium."

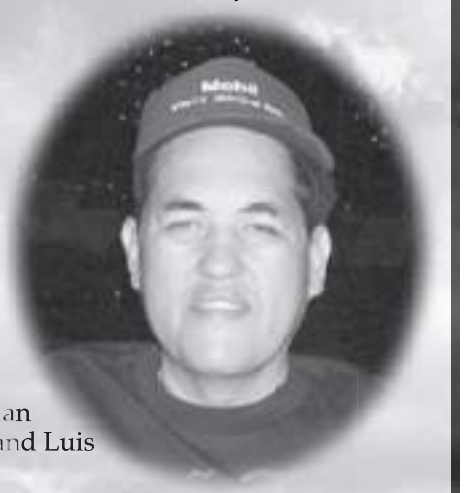
She replies: "Well, see, we're right next door to different countries that we all need to be working with, yes."

When Audette refers to Canadian singer Steph Carse as Canada's prime minister, Palin replies: "Well, he's doing fine and yeah, when you come into a position underestimated it gives you an opportunity to prove the pundits and the critics wrong. You work that much harder." Canada's prime minister is Stephen Harper.

In Celebration of His New Life

Joseph Tenorio Sablan
"Deda"

Affectionately known as "Teteng"



Born on March 16, 1956 was called to his eternal rest by our Dear Lord on Wednesday, October 29, 2008

In his new life, he now joins his:

Parents: Manuel Blas and Cecilia Tenorio Sablan
Sister and Brothers: Beatrice, Efrain, Ricardo, and Luis

His memory will live in the hearts of his:

Sisters/Brother/Families:

Frances S. and Nick S. Ramon and family
Josephine T. Sablan and family
Magdalena S. and Bruce Barker and family
Rita S. and Jose S. Dela Cruz and family
John T. and Gloria G. Sablan and family
Larissa S. and Joe A. Flores and family

Caregiver: **Arlene Manalo**

"Teteng" is also survived by his uncle Antonio C. Tenorio and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and godchildren.

Daily mass is offered at 6:00 p.m. at the San Antonio Church.

On Thursday, November 6, 2008, his remains will be escorted from the Borja Funeral Home at 7:00 a.m. to the San Antonio Church followed by the Responso & Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. followed by the burial at the Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated,

From the Family

Oscar theater designer Rockwell nabs awards gig

LOS ANGELES (AP)—David Rockwell crafted the current home of the Academy Awards show. Now he gets to jump in on Hollywood's big night itself.

Rockwell will be production designer for the Oscar show on Feb. 22, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced Thursday.

The 52-year-old architect, who has also handled the set design for "Hairspray," "Legally Blonde" and other Broadway productions, joins a team of fresh faces overseeing the 81st Oscar show, led by producer Laurence Mark and executive producer Bill Condon, filmmakers working on the ceremony for the first time.

"David is an innovator who possesses the outstanding combination of truly firsthand knowledge of the Kodak Theatre and superb design work in a variety of realms, including film and theater," said Mark and Condon in a joint statement. "We're pleased to be collaborating with someone whose talents are so diverse."

Also new to the telecast is producer Roger Goodman, vice president of special projects at ABC. Goodman, a multiple Emmy winner who will direct ABC's presidential inauguration coverage a month before the Oscars, has many major sporting events, news programs and awards shows to his credit, including the Academy Awards Countdown Show.

The ceremony is in the early planning stages and nominations will not be announced until Jan. 22, but Rockwell had one early prediction about the show.

"I think we'll see things never seen before at the Oscars," Rockwell said. "One of the things about the Oscars is there are such thrilling possibilities. It is one of the great kind of communal rituals of the entire world."

AP

David Rockwell of the Rockwell Group is pictured in Las Vegas on Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2008. Rockwell will be production designer for the Oscar show on Feb. 22, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced Thursday, Oct. 30.

His firm, New York City-based Rockwell Group, designed the 3,500-seat Kodak Theatre in the heart of Hollywood, the venue for the Oscar show since 2001.

Other Rockwell Group projects include the W New York and W Union Square hotels; Nobu restaurants in New York, Melbourne, Australia, Hong Kong and elsewhere; and the Elinor Bunin-Munroe Film Center at Lincoln Center.

Besides his sets for live theater, Rockwell worked on the design of the miniature world in "South Park" creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone's "Team America: World Police," a comedy whose stars were 2-foot-tall puppets.

Rockwell's mother was a dancer and choreographer and his family was heavily involved in live theater when he was growing up. An architect for 23 years, Rockwell began branching out into set design about 10 years ago.

He describes designing the Oscar sets in appropriately artistic terms.

"It's almost like the setting for a jewel, designing the set, the environment that allows this celebration to happen in," Rockwell said.

The retro look of the Kodak Theatre, designed to resemble an ornate 1920s movie house, has been seen worldwide by the Oscar audience. Is Rockwell nervous at the prospect of his designs now taking center stage for Hollywood's most-visible event?

"I find the way I gauge a project that's really going to engage me is, it exists right on the edge between thrill and terror," Rockwell said. "This fits right into that."

Thousands of men show up for beauty pageant featuring Saudi-bred sheep

AP

People look at a sheep during the sheep beauty pageant in Banban, north of the Saudi capital Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008.

BANBAN, Saudi Arabia (AP)—The contestants scampered down the tiny runway, bleating at their admirers. Poets sang their praises in verse as the male-only audience checked out the competitors' physical beauty, including the span of their cheeks, the length of their necks and the color of the hair covering their bodies.

However, instead of winning a cup and a tiara, some of the finalists in the first Saudi beauty pageant featuring locally bred sheep were auctioned off to bidders, some of whom traveled to the kingdom for Thursday night's event.

The contest, a far cry from female beauty pageants held in some Arab countries like Lebanon, offered an opportunity for breeders to do business and a rare outlet for entertainment in a country where the few recreational activities that exist are under the strict glare of the religious police.

It was also meant to encourage Saudis to breed for quality. Some of those who attended the event said Saudi sheep—known as Nejdi sheep—have markedly improved over the past decade because of the attention given to breeding them.

"The Nejdi sheep of today are much more beautiful than those of 10 years ago," said Salem al-Ghannami, a 37-year-old Emirati who came for the event.

In the past few years, beauty pageants involving camels and goats—which, together with sheep, symbolize Bedouin lifestyle—have been held across the kingdom. But senior members of the royal family have reportedly been upset because the contests turned into rancorous competitions between tribes over who has the most beautiful breed. Thursday's pageant did not list the tribes who owned the animals.

On Thursday evening, some 4,000 men assembled on a lit-up stretch of desert just north of Riyadh covered with hundreds of carpets. The event was off-limits to women in line with strict Saudi rules that ban the sexes from mixing in public.

The men sat in armchairs around a tiny runway covered with red carpeting. The stench of dung filled the cool desert air as male and female sheep, known as rams and ewes, were put on display following a fireworks show and a competition for the best sheep-praising poem.

The event's organizer, Faisal al-Saadoun, said connoisseurs have an eye for attractive sheep.

"Just like humans, sheep shouldn't have fat in unwanted places," said al-Saadoun, a prominent businessman. "They should also be tall."

He said good ewes sell for 20,000-30,000 Saudi riyals ($5,300-$8,000), but good rams can fetch hundreds of thousands of riyals.

"Rams are more expensive because they can produce 100 sheep a year, while ewes can produce a couple or so," he said.

Al-Saadoun owns 3-year-old Burgan—Arabic for lightning—the kingdom's most famous sheep, which has been compared to an oil well because his much sought-after offspring have fetched more than 8 million riyals ($2.1 million).

Out of the 10 finalists, eight were Burgan's offspring, including the winning ram and ewe. Al-Ghannami—who owns 200 sheep, including two from Burgan—said breeders are willing to "pay millions for beauty."

"I want to collect sheep from a good stock," said al-Ghannami, who works in the United Arab Emirates' Interior Ministry. "It's a hobby. I don't do it for money."

Close to midnight, Fahd al-Jinahi, a 31-year-old Saudi, walked away with his prize purchase: Sana, a ram from Burgan's breed that he bought for 450,000 riyals (US$120,650).

Why did he choose it?

"I loved the length and width of his cheeks, his long neck and how his creamy yellow hair falls down his body," said al-Jinahi.

Message of Appreciation
in Memory of

Maximina Reyes Flores

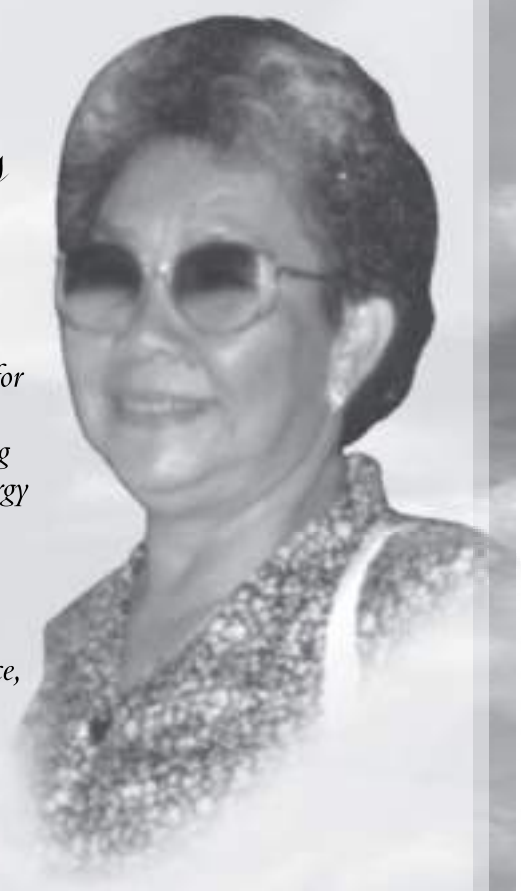
Words cannot express our true feeling of appreciation to all who have reached out to us in any way.

We are forever grateful to the doctors & nurses for their medical intervention at CHC and most especially the staff of the ICU Ward, for their compassionate and quality care; to the priests for their spiritual intervention; and to the Techa, Mrs. Juanita C. Guerrero, for leading the rosary every night; to Bishop Tomas Camacho, Fr. Ike and the clergy concelebrants at the Mass of the Christian Burial; St. Jude Friends Choir; and to all who came to the wake, especially those present at the mass, we are indeed humbled by your presence.

Lastly, to all families and friends who unselfishly offered their assistance, condolences and prayers, we are deeply touched.

Thank You all and may God continue to bless you.

Eduardo B. Flores, Children and Families



Designer's lawyer: 9 women lied in rape claims

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A defense attorney for fashion designer Anand Jon Alexander told jurors Friday in closing arguments that his client should be acquitted of rape charges because his accusers are lying and seeking revenge.

"How many times did you hear 'I don't recall' from them during the trial?" asked defense attorney Leonard Levine. "I stopped counting at 300. These women lied. They lied, they exaggerated and nobody cared - but you should care."

The case now heads to the jury, which will deliberate next week accusations that Alexander raped nine females, most of them aspiring models, at his Beverly Hills apartment.

Levine said the women who testified against Alexander "invited what happened," then made up stories so they could sue Alexander after his criminal case.

Prosecutor Frances Young told jurors Alexander is a "sexual predator," and should be found guilty because he humiliated and degraded naive girls who came to Hollywood with dreams of fame.

"What we heard was four male lawyers defending their male client and what we heard was a lot of misogyny," Young said. "These girls did nothing wrong. None of these girls invited what happened to them."

"This is a very sick man," Young told the jury. "He was an abuser of women who picked a profession where he would be surrounded by teenage girls."

Beverly Hills police began investigating Alexander in March 2007 when a woman reported she had been sexually assaulted by the designer in his apartment. Before his arrest in June 2007, Alexander was featured on the TV show, "America's Next Top Model."

He now faces 27 counts, including forcible rape and committing lewd acts on a child, stemming from assaults that allegedly happened between 2001 and 2007. The alleged victims ranged in age from 14 to 21.

If convicted of all counts, Alexander faces a maximum sentence of life in prison.

AP

This April 29, 2004 file photo shows fashion designer Anand Jon Alexander in New York. Deputy District Attorney Mara McIlvain told jurors during her closing argument in Alexander's trial Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2008 that he had a "common plan" that started with finding the women on the Internet and ended with him fondling or raping them in his apartment.

Oscar-winning producer John Daly dies at 71

LOS ANGELES (AP)—John Daly, the British-born producer of 13 Oscar-winning movies including "Platoon" and "The Last Emperor" who helped launch the careers of many A-list directors and actors, has died. He was 71.

Daly, who was chairman of Film and Music Entertainment Inc., died Friday morning at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles after struggling with cancer, said his daughter, Jenny Daly.

Over a career that spanned four decades, Daly helped to produce films that earned 13 Oscars for Best Picture and 21 Oscar nominations, as well as numerous Golden Globes and other awards.

Daly

Daly's companies boosted the career starts of seminal directors such as Oliver Stone ("Platoon," "Salvador"), Bernardo Bertolucci ("The Last Emperor") and Robert Altman ("Images"), as well as actors Denzel Washington, Keanu Reeves and Julia Roberts.

"John was truly a giant in the industry who changed filmmaking for the better," said Lawrence Lotman, chief financial officer and acting chief executive officer of Film and Music Entertainment Inc., in a statement.

Born in London, Daly joined with British actor David Hemmings in 1967 to form Hemdale, a company that managed rock bands such as Yes and Black Sabbath.

Hemdale later became a leading independent film producer and distributor in Great Britain with movies such as "Tommy," according to a biography issued by Film and Music Entertainment Inc.

Under Daly's stewardship, Hemdale produced more than 100 films that grossed more than $1.5 billion.

Since 2003, Daly had been at the helm of Film and Music Entertainment Inc. In 2004, he produced, co-wrote and directed "The Aryan Couple," starring Martin Landau, which received awards at film festivals around the world.

He is survived by three sons, Michael, Julian and Timothy, and one daughter.

Def Jam says exec who succeeded Jay-Z is dead

Stewart

NEW YORK (AP)—New York City-based Def Jam Recordings says that the executive that succeeded Jay-Z as the head of the legendary hip hop music label has died.

The company said in a statement that executive vice president Shakir Stewart died on Saturday. The cause of death could not immediately be confirmed.

Stewart signed such artists as Rick Ross and Young Jeezy to the label before being named in June to the post once filled by Jay-Z. In that role, Stewart oversaw the development of new talent, managed producers and guided the label's vision.

He traveled between Atlanta and New York for his job, and was a graduate of Morehouse College.

Def Jam was founded in the mid-1980s by Russell Simmons and Rick Rubin.

Mackenzie Phillips pleads guilty to L.A. drug charge

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Mackenzie Phillips has pleaded guilty to possessing cocaine and will go into drug treatment. The former "One Day at a Time" star entered the plea Friday in Los Angeles to a felony drug possession count. The district attorney's office says two counts of possessing heroin and a needle were dismissed, and she was ordered to complete an 18-month program.

Phillips, 48, was arrested Aug. 27 at Los Angeles International Airport after airport police found small amounts of narcotics during a security screening.

Phillips is the daughter of John Phillips, who was in the pop group the Mamas and the Papas. She has a long history of drug abuse, which led to her firing from "One Day at a Time" in 1982.

Mackenzie

Man pestered by ex-wife must act to help his son

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: Parental alienation is a topic I have never seen addressed in your column. It is a problem with many divorces involving children. I think my brother is a victim of it. He lives in a different state than his little boy, but pays child support.

Abby, his ex continuously harasses him via text messaging and late-night phone calls, accusing him of things she thinks happened when they were together. You'd think she hasn't moved on, but she has a new husband!

She agreed that my brother could call his son twice a week, but she rarely answers the phone during these scheduled "visits." She is now trying harder to keep my brother out of his son's life. She even told my nephew that the presents my brother sent him for Christmas came from her new husband!

My brother can't afford a lawyer right now, but he is moving to Florida in the near future and I would like to help him resolve this issue. What are your thoughts on parental alienation?

FRUSTRATED SIS IN FLORIDA

DEAR FRUSTRATED SIS: The kind of anger, selfishness and vindictiveness you have described are unhealthy for everyone involved. Obviously, your former sister-in-law has not moved on. She's still stuck in trying to retaliate against your brother. She's expending the energy and attention she should be devoting to her new marriage and new husband to punishing her last one.

And as for your nephew, when a child grows up believing his father thought he was unimportant and expendable, it can negatively affect his sense of self-worth.

There is an effective resource available to your brother—the Children's Rights Council (CRC). For many years this organization has worked to prevent children from being victimized by their parents' divorces, something which happens all too often. The CRC has 57 chapters in 37 states, and its Web site is www.crckids.org. Its president, David L. Levy, J.D., is a nationally known expert on children and edited "The Best Parent Is Both Parents" (Hampton Roads Publishing). Please advise your brother to contact this group.

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DEAR ABBY: I met a woman online and have had several dates with her, including hikes to beautiful locations where I took some pictures of her with her camera. Now she has posted them on her dating profile.

I'm a little peeved about seeing photos I took displayed on her profile -- presumably to attract other men -- but I don't feel we're close enough yet to ask her to take them down.

Am I being too sensitive? She says she wants to continue dating others. Can you tell me what you think would be an appropriate response from me, if any?

SHUTTERBUG IN KINGSPORT, TENN.

DEAR SHUTTERBUG: You and this lady have just met. If she wants to continue dating others, that's her privilege. That she is using pictures you took of her as part of her profile was a compliment to your skills, but also a signal that she is not particularly interested in you.

An appropriate response would be to tell her she hurt your feelings, and for you to continue dating other women because this one does not appear to be "The One."

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $12 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby – Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

LOOK! A BUCKEYE!
ISN'T IT PRETTY? LOOK HOW PERFECT IT IS.
I'M GOING TO KEEP THIS ONE.
WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH IT?
TRY TO DENT SUSIE'S SKULL FROM 50 FEET.
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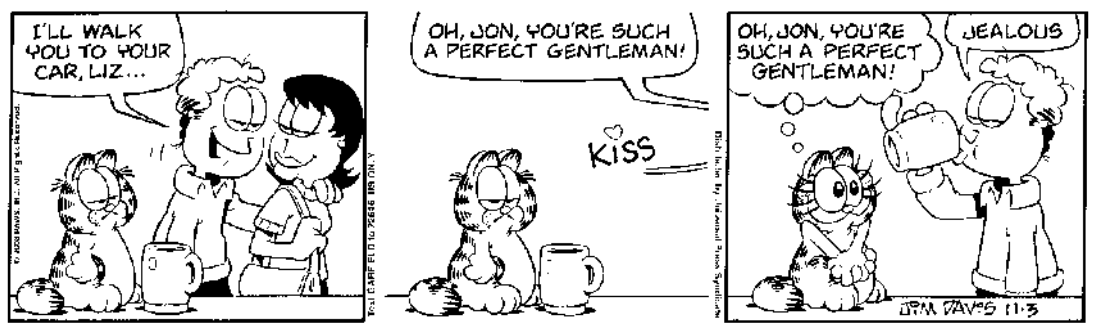
Garfield®

By Jim Davis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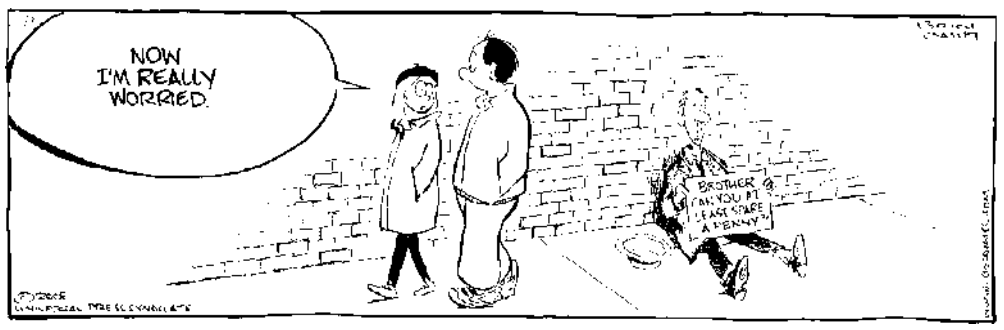
By Bryan Basset



The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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38 Suntan lotion abbr.
40 — out a living
41 Ship's chassis
43 Ducks
45 Hex
47 "Smoking or —?"
48 Blunder
49 Student's easy "A"
54 Petrol
55 Broadcast
56 Gorilla
57 Hearty brew
58 Approaches
59 Tibetan beast

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1 Toast spread
2 Past
3 Series of battles
4 Mono alternative
5 Videogame parlors
6 Zodiac feline
7 Finished
8 Mr. Spielberg
9 Compel to eat
10 — pricing
11 Cincinnati team
16 Part of RSVP
20 "Now — me down to sleep"
21 Ex-frosh
22 Emanation
23 Steam locomotive
27 — and don'ts
29 Grasp
30 Belligerent deity
32 Vendetta
34 Actor Tracy
37 Catchphrase
39 Deluges
42 Comic Anderson
44 Name in Burma's history
45 Singer Suzanne
46 Exam format
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51 Beam of light
52 Resort
53 "A mouse!"

Solution time: 24 mins.

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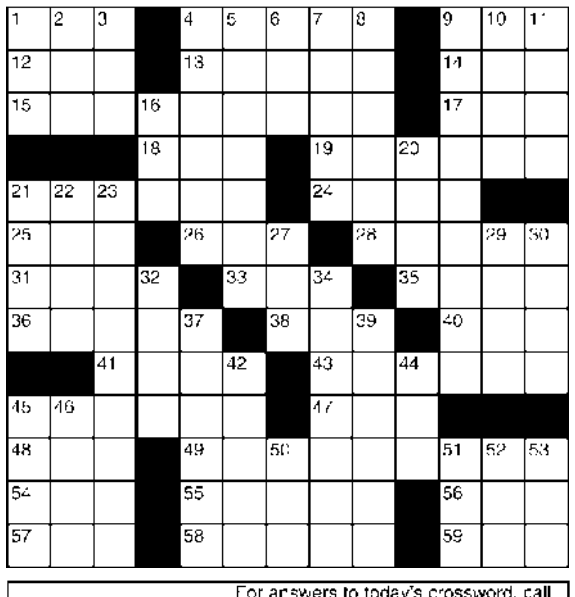
Saturday's answer 11-3



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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can make a big enough splash if you are original. A short trip to experience something first hand or to become well-informed about something you want to pursue will result in help and success. Schedule in a little loving. ✪✪

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Talks, travel and expressing your desires with passion will help you move forward. Don't let someone's lies or misinformation slow you down. You have to surpass those who are jealous or competitive. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Learn from your mistakes and you won't have to do a repeat performance. Too much is on the line to overreact or to let your emotions control your actions. Be creative and do things a little differently and you will confuse your opponents. ✪✪✪

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may think you know the outcome of a situation you face but your intuition is wrong. The people with whom you discuss things will not be well enough informed to help you. Let things unfold further before you make a costly mistake that cannot be reversed. ✪✪✪

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Stop expecting everyone else to do the work. Drive and determination at home and work will enable you to take control and get your way. Love can be a powerful tool when coupled with a playful attitude. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A change is heading your way that should bring about abundance, new friends and a lifestyle change. All these will help you get out of a sticky situation. Make decisions for the future based on what's best for you. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't get into trouble with someone over a trivial matter. Get out of the house and meet new people but don't divulge secrets to newfound friends. Consider a new course of action, job or outlet that will challenge you creatively. ✪✪

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Share your thoughts, feelings and future plans with others today. The feedback and interaction you have with others will provide the spark you need to move ahead with something you've been procrastinating about. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Work diligently on a project that will allow you to learn, teach and grow intellectually. A love connection is likely to be frustrating and, if you allow it to get to you, you will limit what you can accomplish. Speak powerfully and with conviction. ✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't blurt out or argue without thinking. Put things into context. Steady progress comes from stability, security and building a solid reputation for being professional and maintaining a code of ethics. ✪✪✪

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Say what's on your mind and you can put ongoing emotional problems behind you. Draw up an agreement that will help you gain ground in other areas of your life. Don't allow anyone to hold you back from educational pursuits. ✪✪✪

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): There is money heading your way. A sudden change of course or turn of events will surprise even you. Don't let love leave you in a vulnerable or guilty position. You have to remain in control if you want to come out on top. ✪✪✪✪

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★ 11/03

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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COREEN C. PALACIOS

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE ESTATE OF VICENTE CAMACHO CASTRO	)	CIVIL ACTION NO. 08-0399
Deceased,	)	NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: INTERESTED CLAIMANTS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is hereby given that COREEN C. PALACIOS, of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, has filed a petition in the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to be appointed as Administrator of the Estate of Vicente Camacho Castro, deceased, and to determine the heirs of the decedent. The Attorney of record is Danilo T. Aguilar, Esq., P.O. Box 505301, Saipan, MP 96950. The hearing on the petition is set for December 16, 2008, at the Superior Court in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, at 1:30pm. All interested persons should appear at this hearing.

All persons having any claims against the estate, or against the deceased should file their claims with the Clerk of Court of the Superior Court within sixty (60) days after the first publication of this notice.

Dated this 28th day of October, 2008.

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Lakers almost end Carmelo's double-digit streak

DENVER (AP)—-Kobe Bryant scored 33 points to lead Los Angeles to a 104-97 win over Denver in the NBA on Saturday, as the Lakers almost became the first team in three years to hold Nuggets star Carmelo Anthony to single digits.

Coming off a two-game suspension, Anthony scored 11 of his 13 points in the fourth quarter. He made two 3-pointers with under a minute left, extending his NBA-best streak of double-digit games to 208. Anthony hasn't been held below 10 points since 2005, when he played just 90 seconds in a game due to an ankle sprain.

Anthony was held to a single score until sinking consecutive baskets which helped cut the deficit to 93-91 with 4 minutes left.

AP

Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant (24) works against Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony (15) during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Denver, Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008.

Hornets 104, Cavaliers 92

In New Orleans, Chris Paul had 24 points and 15 assists as New Orleans made it three wins from as many games in the new season, beating Cleveland.

Raptors 91, Bucks 87

In Milwaukee, Jose Calderon scored a career-high 25 points, including a huge 3-pointer late in the fourth quarter, to lead Toronto over Milwaukee.

The Raptors spoiled new Bucks coach Scott Skiles' home debut. Toronto also improved to 3-0 for the first time for four years.

Pacers 95, Celtics 79

In Indianapolis, Indiana beat Boston, ensuring the Celtics will not make a repeat of last year's 12-match winning streak to open the season.

Danny Granger scored 20 points for the Pacers, as defending champion Boston fell to a 2-1 record in the new season.

The Celtics had 24 turnovers and sank only 21 of 35 from the free-throw line.

Bulls 96, Grizzlies 86

In Chicago, rookie Derrick Rose had his best game, scoring 26 points, as Chicago downed Memphis.

Kirk Hinrich added 18 for the Bulls, who struggled at times in its half-court set but came away with the win.

The Bulls trailed Memphis by eight at halftime but pulled it out thanks to Rose.

The Chicago native and No. 1 draft pick scored 10 points in the second quarter to keep the Bulls close enough and kept it going in the second half. He scored four points during a 9-1 run midway through the fourth quarter that increased Chicago's lead to 90-81.

Suns 107, Trail Blazers 96

In Phoenix, Amare Stoudemire scored 16 of his 23 points in the decisive third quarter as Phoenix defeated Portland.

Terry Porter got his first home victory as Suns coach.

All five Phoenix starters reached double figures as the Suns beat Portland for the 10th straight time, their longest active streak against any opponent. It's also the Blazers' longest current losing streak against any team.

Rockets 89, Thunder 77

In Houston, Tracy McGrady had 22 points as Houston notched its third straight win by downing Oklahoma.

Yao Ming added 16 for the Rockets, who weren't sharp offensively—shooting just 36 percent—but led almost the entire way with excellent free-throw shooting (27-of-31). Houston got to the line 19 more times than Oklahoma City.

Hawks 95, 76ers 88

In Atlanta, Joe Johnson scored 35 points, including a long 3-pointer that clinched the game with 11 seconds remaining, as the Hawks rallied from a 23-point deficit to beat Philadelphia.

The Hawks improved to 2-0 in their home opener, the team's best start in a decade.

Atlanta took its first lead of the night on Johnson's dunk with 1:53 remaining. Then, with the Hawks clinging to a 90-88 lead, Johnson got the ball at the top of the key and made a 32-footer.

Bobcats 100, Heat 87

In Charlotte, North Carolina, Gerald Wallace scored 34 points as Charlotte sank Miami.

Larry Brown earned his first victory in his ninth NBA head coaching job.

After a winless preseason and an ugly loss at Cleveland to open the regular season, Wallace powered the Bobcats to a sharp performance that gave the well-traveled Brown his 1,011th career win.

Charlotte shot 54 percent and controlled the boards.

Jazz 101, Clippers 79

In Salt Lake City, Carlos Boozer had 25 points and 10 rebounds for his second double-double of the season as Utah pulled away with a 30-4 run in the second half to down Los Angeles.

The Jazz set a team record with just five turnovers and improved to 2-0.

Mavericks 95, Timberwolves 85

In Minneapolis, Dirk Nowitzki had 21 points as Dallas picked up its first victory of the season with a win over Minnesota.

Jason Terry added 19 for the Mavericks, who have won nine straight over the Timberwolves.

The Timberwolves were within two early in the fourth quarter before Dallas had a 13-4 run to secure victory.

Pistons 117, Wizards 109

In Auburn Hills, Michigan, Richard Hamilton scored 24 points for Detroit in the win over Washington.

Rasheed Wallace—like Hamilton a former Wizards player—added 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Warriors 105, Nets 97

In East Rutherford, New Jersey, Andris Biedrins had 23 points and 11 rebounds, leading Golden State over New Jersey.

Stephen Jackson scored 20 of his 23 points in the second half for the Warriors, who got their first win of the new season, spoiling the Nets home opener.

Leading by a point at halftime, the Warriors broke the game open in the third quarter, outscoring New Jersey 33-18 to take an 85-69 lead.

Magic 121, Kings 103

In Orlando, Florida, Dwight Howard had 29 points and 14 rebounds as Orlando got its first win of the new campaign, downing Sacramento.

Howard was one of four starters to score 20 or more points as Orlando's offense finally came alive in the third game of the season.

The Kings dropped their third straight game.

Sabathia files for free agency

NEW YORK (AP)—CC Sabathia, the prize pitcher on this year's market, filed for free agency Saturday.

Sabathia was acquired by Milwaukee from Cleveland on July 7, then went 11-2 with seven complete games, three shutouts and a 1.65 ERA in 17 starts to help the Brewers make the playoffs for the first time since 1982. Overall, the 28-year-old left-hander was 17-10 with a 2.70 ERA for the Indians and Brewers.

Milwaukee plans to make an offer soon. Sabathia's new deal could top Johan Santana's $137.5 million, six-year contract with the New York Mets.

"He's not going to be a guy who is going to have 27 phone calls. He's only going to get five," Brewers general manager Doug Melvin said Thursday. "If he's going to demand the money he's going to demand, he'll get a lot less phone calls than maybe even Ray Durham or somebody like that that we have."

Reliever Tom Gordon became the first member of the World Series champion Phillies to file for free agency after Philadelphia declined a $4.5 million option and chose to pay a $1 million buyout. The right-hander, who turns 41 on Nov. 18, had bone spurs removed and his ulnar collateral ligament repaired in his arm on Oct. 16.

He went 5-4 with a 5.16 ERA in 34 games, then was put on the 15-day DL with right elbow inflammation on July 6 and missed the rest of the season.

Twenty-three players filed for free agency Saturday, raising the total to 130 in three days since the World Series. Up to 50 additional players potentially are eligible to file.

Texas Tech stuns Texas with last-second winner

LUBBOCK,Texas(AP)—Graham Harrell fired a 28-yard touchdown pass to Michael Crabtree with one second left as No. 6-ranked Texas Tech stunned No. 1 Texas 39-33 in college football on Saturday.

In a wild game that will shake up the national title race, Texas had stormed back from a 19-0 deficit to take a 33-32 lead before Harrell's long pass found Crabtree, who broke a tackle and made it to the end zone.

AP

Texas Tech receiver Michael Crabtree steps into the end zone Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008 for the game-winning touchdown as Texas Longhorn defender Curtis Brown couldn't catch up on the second-to-final play of the game.

No. 2 Alabama 35, Arkansas State 0

In Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Mark Ingram rushed for 113 yards and two touchdowns and Rashad Johnson scored on an interception return in Alabama's victory over Arkansas State.

No. 4 Oklahoma 62, Nebraska 28

In Norman, Oklahoma, Sam Bradford threw for 311 yards and five touchdowns as Oklahoma capitalized on three terrible Nebraska pass plays in the opening minutes to put up its biggest score ever between the two rivals.

No. 5 Florida 49, No. 8 Georgia

In Jacskonville, Florida, Tim Tebow accounted for five touchdowns, Percy Harvin scored twice and the revenge-minded Gators thumped the Bulldogs.

No. 7 USC 56, Washington 0

In Los Angeles, as expected, the Washington-Southern California game was a one-sided affair from the start. And now, the hapless Huskies stand alone as the nation's only winless major team.

No. 9 Oklahoma State 59, Iowa State 17

In Stillwater, Oklahoma, Dez Bryant caught four touchdown passes, Zac Robinson passed for 395 yards and Oklahoma State rebounded from its first loss by routing Iowa State.

No. 10 Utah 13, New Mexico 10

In Albuquerque, New Mexico, Louie Sakoda kicked two field goals and just one touchdown was enough for Utah to keep its Bowl series hopes intact.

No. 11 Boise St. 49, New Mexico St. 0

In Las Cruces, New Mexico, Kellen Moore threw for 246 yards and three touchdowns, and Boise State's defense allowed just 150 yards and logged six sacks as the Broncos beat New Mexico State.

No. 12 TCU 44, UNLV 14

In Las Vegas, Andy Dalton threw three touchdown passes to lead Texas Christian over Nevada Las Vegas.

No. 14 Missouri 31, Baylor 28

In Waco, Texas, Chase Daniel passed for 318 yards and three touchdowns and Jeff Wolfert kicked a 34-yard field goal with 2:31 remaining to help Missouri escape with a victory over Baylor.

No. 15 LSU 35, Tulane 10

In Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Charles Scott rushed for 114 yards and Louisiana State scored two touchdowns in 27 seconds late in the second quarter.

Georgia Tech 31, No. 16 Florida State 28

In Atlanta, Marcus Sims fumbled into the end zone to end No. 16 Florida State's comeback hopes in the final minute, and Georgia Tech held on to beat the Seminoles.

No. 17 BYU 45, Colorado St. 42

In Fort Collins, Colorado, Dennis Pitta caught two fourth-quarter touchdowns, including a 17-yarder with 22 seconds remaining, lifting Brigham Young over Colorado State.

Arkansas 30, No. 19 Tulsa 23

In Fayetteville, Arkansas, Dennis Johnson returned a kickoff 96 yards for a touchdown in the final minute of the third quarter, and Arkansas snapped Tulsa's unbeaten run.

Northwestern 24, No. 20 Minnesota 17

In Minneapolis, Brendan Smith grabbed a deflected ball and returned an interception 48 yards for a touchdown with 12 seconds remaining, sending Northwestern past a stunned Minnesota.

No. 22 Michigan St. 25, Wisconsin 24

In East Lansing, Michigan, Michigan State avoided a major letdown, keeping its hopes alive to play for the Big Ten title.

California 26, No. 23 Oregon 16

In Berkeley, California, Marcus Ezeff recovered Oregon's fumble on a punt return to set up Shane Vereen's touchdown run with 8:57 to play, and California persevered through a steady rain for a victory over the Ducks.

NFL BRIEFS

Report: Culpepper agrees to 2-year deal with Lions

DETROIT (AP)—Veteran quarterback Daunte Culpepper reportedly has agreed to a two-year contract with the Detroit Lions. Team spokesman Bill Keenist says the Lions have no comment on Saturday's ESPN.com report. The report, which didn't cite a source, indicated Culpepper would sign the deal on Monday. An e-mail seeking comment was sent to Culpepper, who acts as his own agent. The 31-year-old Culpepper worked out for Detroit on Tuesday, taking a step toward returning to the NFL after announcing plans to retire in September because he was frustrated over not finding work. He was a three-time Pro Bowler for the Minnesota Vikings, but a knee injury limited his effectiveness with the Miami Dolphins in 2006 and Oakland Raiders in 2007.

Packers release DE Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP)—The Green Bay Packers released Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila, the franchise sacks leader, on Saturday. The defensive end had been with the team for nine seasons and appeared in 124 games, starting 74. He had 74 1/2 sacks for Green Bay, passing Reggie White's 68 1/2 in 2007. General Manager Ted Thompson issued a statement Saturday, thanking Gbaja-Biamila for his contributions and wishing him well. Gbaja-Biamila also issued a statement, saying his time with the team has been a "blessing that is beyond words." The team also activated defensive tackle Justin Harrell from the physically unable to perform list.

Former sofa lifter now Steelers long snapper

PITTSBURGH (AP)—To think that a couple of weeks ago, Jared Retkofsky was excited about getting a pay raise from $12 to $15 per hour at the Fort Worth moving company where he was working. One phone call from the Steelers changed all that, and Retkofsky now finds himself manning the often-overlooked role of long snapper—a week after the job's importance became evident when an errant snap may have cost Pittsburgh a game. Rather than hefting sofas, Retkofsky now must loft the football gently into Mitch Berger's hands on a punt, an extra point or field goal. Berger also serves as the Steelers' holder. The skill required for a seemingly ordinary task became evident when long snapper Greg Warren went down with a knee injury during a 21-14 loss to the Giants last Sunday. Linebacker James Harrison was forced to fill in, and he snapped the ball over Berger's head for a safety that tied the score and set up new York's winning touchdown drive late in the fourth quarter. Retkofsky, a former TCU defensive end, went to training camp with Pittsburgh as an undrafted rookie in 2007 but was cut before the season started. He returned to the Steelers in January after being released from the Seahawks' practice squad, only to be cut in June before training camp started.

Kerney out for ailing Seahawks

RENTON, Wash. (AP)—Seattle Pro Bowl defensive end Patrick Kerney is out indefinitely and getting a second look at what's wrong with his surgically repaired shoulder. It's the latest in a long list of injuries for the Seahawks. Coach Mike Holmgren said after practice on Friday that Kerney is returning to Alabama to see Dr. James Andrews. Andrews is the surgeon who repaired torn labrum cartilage in Kerney's left shoulder after last season. The Seahawks' top pass rusher, who has five sacks in seven games, re-injured the shoulder late in Sunday's win at San Francisco after he had recovered a fumble and returned it 50 yards. Holmgren said "the medicine" Kerney took Sunday wore off, leaving him extremely sore by midweek. On Wednesday, Kerney was wearing a sling while sitting stiffly at his locker. The coach hopes to know when—or if—Kerney can play again this season by the middle of next week.

Letzig returns to the lead at Ocean Hammock

PALM COAST, Fla. (AP)—Michael Letzig birdied three of the final six holes Saturday for a 2-under 70 that gave him the lead in the Ginn sur Mer Classic when Ryan Palmer found water on the final hole.

Letzig, who shared the first-round lead at the Ginn Ocean Hammock Resort, finished off his run of birdies with a 7-foot putt on the par-5 18th that put him at 7-under 209.

He was one shot ahead of Kenneth Ferrie (67), John Huston (70) and Palmer, who had to scramble for a bogey on the 18th after hitting his second shot into the water. Palmer, who was at 9 under through 14 holes, bogeyed three of his last four holes for a 72.

David Duval, who was within two shots of the lead going into the third round, took a double bogey on the third round and never got anything going on his way to a 74, leaving him in a tie for 14th.

Ferrie, Huston and Palmer all are outside the top 125 on the money list with only two tournaments left on the PGA Tour.

G-STARS

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lowed the Kontenders to grab the lead for the first time since the first half, 60-58, with less than a minute left in the game.

Nate Mateo drew a foul in the ensuing play and had a chance to tie the game but split his charities, allowing the Kontenders to keep the lead, 60-59, with 43 seconds left on the clock.

Dillay widened the lead to three, 62-59, when he made an undergoal stab, with 31 seconds remaining in the second half.

Nate Mateo redeemed himself from an earlier booboo from the 15-foot line when he drilled a reverse layup cutting the lead to one anew, 61-69, with 20.3 seconds left in the game.

The G-Stars made two defensive stops to regain possession and grabbed the lead. Sylvan Rangamar did the first stop when he tapped the ball out of Jester Kaipat's hands. The Kontenders retained possession and inbounded the ball from the sideline at midcourt. Soana Pua passed the ball to Dillay, who lost the possession to Dan Mateo.

Dan went for the basket and was fouled.

Dan was still wobbling when he stepped to the free throw line as earlier he was accidentally hit by Dillay on the left jaw while trying to prevent the Kontenders player from cutting to the middle.

Dan was forced to sit out going into the last one minute of the match, but returned with vengeance in his eyes, canning both charities that put the G-Stars back in the driver's seat, 63-62, with 15.6 seconds left in the game.

Kontenders coach Ben Tagabuel sued for time to map out a game-winning play. But just before Tagabuel's wards make an inbound from the sideline at midcourt, G-Stars mentor Jose Tumaquip also called a time out.

It was an end game tactic for Tumaquip, who wanted the Kontenders to inbound the ball from the G-Stars' backcourt and waste a couple of seconds before their foes reach their frontcourt.

But the ball did not even advance midcourt in the Kontenders' first try, as Nate Mateo stole it, drove to the right baseline, but was forced to kick the ball out when he was trapped by Kaipat.

Kaipat had a presence of mind to move away from the baseline when Nate Mateo was trying to slam the ball the ball back to him. Once inside, Kaipat picked up the loose ball and pitched it to Dillay, who failed to complete the game-winning basket.

The one-point win allowed the G-Stars to join the Sixers, CNMI Junior Nationals, and the Rollers I in the semifinals.

The Final Four round will be played tonight with the G-Stars challenging the Junior Nationals in the first game at 5:30pm. The second semis pairing will have the Sixers dueling the Rollers I at 7pm.

Winners of the semis matches will collide for the title tomorrow at 7pm. Losers will battle for the consolation trophy at 5:30pm.

Nate Mateo top-scored for the G-Stars with 24 points, while twin brother Dan chipped in 16.

Kaipat led the Kontenders with 23 points. Dillay and Pua contributed 14 and 13 markers, respectively.

The Kontenders were eliminated in the 18-and-under caging along with the Southern Sonics, Kagman Suns, and the Chalan Kanoa Saints. The Rollers II was the first team to be ousted in the annual caging after finishing the regular season with a dismal 1-7 record.

G-Stars 63 – N. Mateo 24, D. Mateo 16, L. Rangamar 11, Jung 4, Kenty 4, S. Rangamar, 2, Ichihara 2.

Kontenders 62 – Kaipat 23, E. Dillay 14, Pua 12, Dowei 6, Pomee 4, Ogumoro 3.

Scoring by halves: 32-22, 63-62.

AON

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Six different players scored for the Laura Williams-captained Aon Insurance. The list includes Becca Newman, Lisa Laniyo, Anna Manibusan, Tomoka Kawakata, Francine Sablan, and Williams.

"We had an exceptional game. Our passing game was really sharp," Williams said.

Hardt Eye Clinic captain Natalie Hill scored the lone goal for her team.

Also winning Saturday's matches were Marianas Medical Center and Wild Bill's.

MMC slipped past Marine Tech International, 3-2, to improve to a 3-0-1 (win-loss-draw) mark and move up to second place.

Marya Oestreich and Patty Coleman scored for Marianas Medical Center, while Amanda Armstrong and Chantelle Voutilainen had one goal apiece for MTI

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Members of Wild Bill's pose for a group photo. Wild Bill's dueled Matt Smith Law Office Saturday and won, 3-0.

Despite getting goals from newcomers Armstrong and Voutilainen, MTI dropped to fifth place in the team standings with its 1-3 slate.

In the opening game Saturday, Wild Bill's handed Matt Smith Law Office its first loss with the former cruising through a 3-0 victory.

Wild Bill's, which is captained by Jaime Beavis, gained its second win in four games to keep the No. 4 spot in the team standings.

The Janel Villegas-captained Matt Smith dropped from first to third as it now has a 2-1-1 record.

Meanwhile, league organizers announced that they are still accepting players interested to join the league.

For more information, contact women's committee media coordinator Laura Williams at laurawilliams7@gmail.com or women's committee chair person Lindsay Davis at lindsayfrombigsky@gmail.com.

Games in the futsal league are played every Saturday, from 8:30am to 11:30am. The league will have a round-robin format in the regular season, while the format in the playoffs has yet to be decided.

This is the first time that Northern Mariana Islands Football Association is holding a futsal league.

Futsal is an indoor football game with teams having five players each on the court. It demands quick reflexes, fast thinking, and accurate ball control. Games are played in a basketball-style court, with no walls and a low-bouncing ball, requiring players to use their skill rather than the ball's bounce to propel it.

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ond loss in as many games after dropping their first match of the season against the Manta Rays.

Mt. Carmel kept MHS at bay only in the first quarter as the latter led by only six after 10 minute of play, 14-8.

But the next three quarters were smooth sailing for the Dolphins, who began pulling away in the second period, outgunning the Knights, 21-12, to take a 33-20 halftime lead.

The lead increased to 27 at the end of the third period, 55-28, as the Knights could not hit their marks with no MCS player making more than one field goal in that quarter.

In contrast, the Dolphins were on target at the start of the second half, particularly Nino Feria. Feria, who was held to six points in the first half, found his rhythm in the third period, drilling 12 points, while Romulo Sarmiento fired all his seven in that quarter.

There was no way Mt. Carmel could make a comeback in the fourth period, as it continued to struggle offensively drawing points from only three players.

Seven Dolphins made it into the scoreboard in the fourth quarter with Dan Garrigo connecting on two triples and Feria adding four more points.

Feria led all scorers with 22 markers, while Chistian Hidalgo and Garrigo also finished in double figures with 10 points apiece. The rest of the Dolphins combined for 35 points.

Min Seung was the lone bright spot for the Knights' offense, knocking in 16 markers. Bela Baka chipped in nine, while the rest of his teammates tallied 16 points.

The Knight lost to MHS in last year's battle for third place. Southern won the junior varsity title over the KHS Ayuyus.

This year's junior varsity competition will have a three round-robin format in the regular season and will have a crossover format in the playoffs with the No. 1 team colliding with the No. 4 squad for the first finals ticket. The No. 2 and 3 teams will duel for the second finals berth.

MHS 77 – Feria 22, Garrigo 10, Hidalgo 10, Chan 9, Crisostomo 8, Sarmiento 7, Deleon Guerrero 4, Sula 4, Duatin 2, Liberato 1.

MCS 44 – Min 16, B. Baka 9, Yoon 6, G. Baka 4, Han 4, Bautista 2.

Scoring by quarters: 14-8, 33-20, 55-28, 77-44.

DANIEL

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After Isaiah took a 54-46 lead, with 4:08 remaining on the clock, Ranola drilled a long jumper and then a triple off an Isaiah error to move Daniel within three, 51-54, with less than four minutes left in the second half.

Isaiah missed several shots in the ensuing plays and committed a couple of turnovers allowing Daniel to complete its comeback with Ranola scoring five more points, Esdrelon also adding five, and Barbo chipping in four.

The four-point victory put Daniel on top of the leaderboard, half a game ahead of Isaiah.

Daniel won its debut match against Jeremiah, 94-77, getting an early revenge over its foe. Jeremiah pulled of a 105-94 upset over Daniel in last season's championship game. Daniel was last year's pennant champion.

Four players finished in double figures for Daniel with Ranola leading the way with 18 points. Esdrelon, Brendon Talania, and Barbo contributed 11 apiece.

James Wabinga fired 22 points for Isaiah, who notched its first two wins against Ezekiel.

Dindo Pablo added 13, while Bart Demapan scored 11.

Wabinga had an explosive first half, scoring 18 points to give Isaiah a 33-31 halftime lead. He was the lone player to score in double figures in the first half, as Daniels highest scorer—Ranola—had only eight markers.

But Wabinga went cold in the second half, as he was held to four points. Pablo took his place, connecting on three triples in the second half, but it was not enough against the decisive 20-8 windup of Daniel.

Daniel had five players making more than two field goals in the fourth period with Ranola still on target, hitting eight points.

Daniel 66 – Ranola 18, Esdrelon 11, D. Barbo 11, Talania 11, G. Barbo 8, Lauron 6.

Isaiah 62 – Wabinga 22, Pablo 13, Demapan 11, Tamayo 7, Pantaleon 7, Dayrit 2.

Scoring by halves: 31-33, 66-62.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	3	0	1.000	
Boston	2	1	.667	1
New Jersey	1	1	.500	1 1/2
New York	1	1	.500	1 1/2
Philadelphia	1	2	.333	2

Southeast Division

Atlanta	2	0	1.000	
Charlotte	1	1	.500	1
Miami	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Orlando	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Washington	0	2	.000	2

Central Division

Detroit	2	0	1.000	
Chicago	2	1	.667	1/2
Indiana	1	1	.500	1
Cleveland	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Milwaukee	1	2	.333	1 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Houston	3	0	1.000	
New Orleans	3	0	1.000	
Dallas	1	1	.500	1 1/2
Memphis	1	2	.333	2
San Antonio	0	2	.000	2 ½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	2	0	1.000	
Minnesota	1	1	.500	1
Denver	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Portland	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Oklahoma City	0	2	.000	2

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers	3	0	1.000	
Phoenix	2	1	.667	1
Golden State	1	2.333	2	
L.A. Clippers	0	3	.000	3
Sacramento	0	3	.000	3

Yesterday's Games

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Chicago 96, Memphis 86
Toronto 91, Milwaukee 87
L.A. Lakers 104, Denver
Utah 101, L.A. Clippers 79
Phoenix 107, Portland 96

GINN SUR MER CLASSIC SCORES

PALM COAST, Florida (AP)–Scores Saturday from the Ginn sur Mer Classic, a $4.6 million (3.5 million euros) U.S. PGA Tour event at 7,663-yard, par-72 Conservatory course at Ginn Hammock Beach Resort:

THIRD ROUND

Michael Letzig	65-74-70	209
Kenneth Ferrie	70-73-67	210
John Huston	70-70-70	210
Ryan Palmer	67-71-72	210
Mark Wilson	73-71-67	211
Ken Duke	70-69-72	211
Vaughn Taylor	69-74-69	212
J.J. Henry	71-72-69	212
Robert Allenby	68-71-73	212
Chad Collins	74-69-70	213
George McNeill	71-71-71	213
Nicholas Thompson	71-70-72	213
Cameron Beckman	68-73-72	213
Tom Scherrer	68-76-70	214
Jeff Overton	71-73-70	214
Jesper Parnevik	73-70-71	214
Jason Dufner	70-73-71	214
Gavin Coles	71-71-72	214
Steve Marino	72-71-71	214
Robert Garrigus	70-76-68	214
Brian Gay	72-70-72	214
Nick O'Hern	69-73-72	214
Michael Allen	71-71-72	214
Bob Estes	75-67-72	214
Bob Tway	70-71-73	214
Chris Stroud	69-72-73	214
David Duval	71-69-74	214
Martin Laird	72-71-72	215
Matt Jones	70-74-71	215
Troy Matteson	71-74-70	215
Alejandro Canizares	72-73-70	215
Tim Petrovic	71-72-72	215
John Riegger	73-72-70	215
Todd Hamilton	71-74-70	215
Michael Sim	72-73-70	215
Carl Pettersson	72-70-73	215
Marco Dawson	71-71-73	215
Bob Heintz	72-74-69	215
Peter Lonard	70-69-76	215
Jeff Gove	70-73-73	216
Kent Jones	65-77-74	216
Y.E. Yang	73-71-73	217
Mathias Gronberg	69-74-74	217
Joe Durant	72-73-72	217
Olin Browne	72-71-74	217
Chip Deason	71-71-75	217
Steve Lowery	70-71-76	217
Jeff Maggert	73-72-73	218
Omar Uresti	73-72-73	218
Jerry Kelly	71-72-75	218
J.B. Holmes	73-72-73	218
Matt Kuchar	71-75-72	218
Justin Bolli	72-74-72	218
Lee Janzen	70-75-74	219
Kevin Stadler	73-72-74	219
Tim Wilkinson	74-72-73	219
Billy Andrade	75-71-73	219
David Lutterus	74-72-73	219
Robert Gamez	72-74-73	219
Frank Lickliter II	72-74-73	219
John Rollins	74-71-75	220
Briny Baird	74-72-74	220
Brian Davis	74-72-74	220
Jason Gore	71-73-77	221
Chris DiMarco	72-72-77	221
Greg Kraft	72-74-75	221
Todd Demsey	72-72-78	222
Brett Quigley	73-73-76	222
Kyle Thompson	70-76-76	222
Eric Axley	71-75-76	222
Rod Perry	70-76-77	223
Will MacKenzie	75-70-79	224
J.P. Hayes	74-72-78	224
Brett Rumford	72-72	WD

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LOCAL SCORE

Futsal Standings

	W	L	Draw	Points
Aon Insurance	3	0	1	7
MMC	3	1	0	6
Matt Smith	2	1	1	5
Wild Bill's	2	2	0	4
Marine Tech	1	3	0	2
Hardt Eye	0	4	0	0

Genesis Cup Standings

Daniel	2	0
Isaiah	2	1
Jeremiah	0	1
Ezekiel	0	2

The Week in Sports

Week kind to defending champs

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Repeat winners took last week's center stage.

Leading the list was Shell Marianas, who ruled the Budweiser King of the Diamonds Tournament for the fourth straight time.

The team topped the first three editions of the annual tournament under the sponsorship of No Ka Oi. But a change in the team's name did not prevent Shell Marianas from reasserting its might in the KOD.

Shell Marianas won over SaiPal in the finals, 10-2, to earn the right to represent CNMI in a tournament on Palau against Guam and the host.

Saipan Bowling Association's monthly tournaments also had repeat winners with Raphael Zapanta securing his seventh Bing Prince of the Lanes monthly plum after topping last week's October roll-off.

NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.
Members and supporters of Shell Marianas pose for a group photo after ruling the Saipan leg of the 2008 Budweiser King of the Diamonds Softball Tournament at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.
Members of Whispering Palms and coach Mark McDonald pose with their championship trophy. The Terns defeated GCA in the finals of the junior varsity division of the 2008 Coalition of Private Schools Volleyball League.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
October King of the Lanes Simon Manacop is flanked by runners-up Kitz Barja, left, and Ferdee Generoso.

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October Queen of the Lanes Emi Williams is flanked by runners-up Yho Villavicencio, left, and Ron Cal.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
October Bing Prince of the Lanes Raphael Zapanta is flanked by runners-up Marion McKenzie and Leanne Yarobwebal.

Last week's winner in the Budweiser October King of the Lanes tournament was Simon Manacop's fourth having won in the March, June, and September editions of the monthly tournament.

In the Queen of the Lanes event, Emi William recorded her second monthly win after the October roll-off triumph. She ruled the same event in January.

Whispering Palms joined last week's winners circle after prevailing against Grace Christian Academy in the finals of the junior varsity division of the 2008 Coalition of Private Schools Volleyball League.

The title was Whispering Palms second after beating Saipan Community School in the 2006 finals. In 2007, the Terns lost to the Seventh Day Adventist.

The Ghasias Brothers were also repeat winners in the past editions of the World Organized Rocball Community League and after several years of absence they are determined to return to the No. 1 spot.

The Ghasias Brothers pulled off an upset over defending champion Evenflow, 76-71, at the start of the 2008-2009 World Organized Rocball Community League last week at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Like the Ghasias Brothers, the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs is a force to reckon with in the government softball.

Last week, the two-time reigning champion started its title defense bid with a 15-2 domination of Public School System.

Over at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan tennis courts, more than 30 up-and-coming junior players participated in the Inaugural 2008 Jehovah-Jireh Tennis Tournament.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Adelle Hudkins serves against Grant Rhee during their consolation match in the Inaugural 2008 Jehovah-Jireh Tennis Tournament at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan tennis courts.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Larry Sherri of Acme Roofing returns the ball during their game against Thai One On in the 4-person beach volleyball league on the PIC sand court.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
MIGS's Kae Bernardo fakes off the defense of C&R's Mel Capalad, right, and Jun Estolas during their game in the PILCOWA caging Thursday night at the CIC Centre Basketball Court in Garapan.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
A Kagman Suns player dribbles past the Rollers I's J.R. Concepcion, left, and Jomar Danas, during their playoff game in the Rotary caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Organized by Fiesta tennis instructor Peter Loyola, the tournament had Carl Dela Cruz, Kevin Rhee, and Tiffany Madlangbayan standing out among 28 other participants winning the Levels 3, 2, and 1 divisions.

Other leagues continued their games last week with the Rotary caging entering its Final Four phase.

The CNMI Junior Nationals secured the first semis ticket after ousting the Southern Sonics, 53-42, Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The San Antonio Sixers joined the Junior Nationals in the semifinals after outclassing the Chalan Kanoa Saints, 63-56, on the same day.

The third semis ticket belonged to the Rollers I, which thwarted the Kagman Suns, 65-53, Wednesday night, while the G-Stars caught the last bus en route to the semifinals after slipping past the Kontenders, 63-62, Thursday night.

In other basketball league, the undefeated MIGS (4-0), provided basketball enthusiasts the best show so far in the Inaugural 2008 PILCOWA-San Miguel Beer Basketball League after pulling off a 125-122 overtime win over C&R Distributor/NRG Thursday night.

Also showing its best form in the Pacific Islands Club sand court for the 208 Miller Lite Four-Person Beach Volleyball Fall League is Acme Roofing, which remained unbeaten in eight games last week.

Acme Roofing are now in the playoffs, together with Enyophace (7-1), MHS Peers (6-2), Karakuchi (6-3), Kimoichi (5-3), Thai One On (5-4), Off Twice (4-5), and MHS Oakies (4-4).

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Sabathia files for free agency

CC Sabathia, the prize pitcher on this year's market, filed for free agency Saturday. Sabathia was acquired by Milwaukee from Cleveland on July 7, then went 11-2 with seven complete games, three shutouts and a 1. 24

G-Stars complete semis cast

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The G-Stars secured the last semis berth in the 2008 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League after surviving the Kontenders, 63-62, Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Living up to their name which means competitors, the Kontenders were in contention for the fourth and last semis ticket until the last shot of the game.

The Kontenders had possession in the last three seconds of the match with the G-Stars ahead by a hair, 63-62. After picking up a loose ball, Jester Kaipat threw a pass to a sprinting Eugene Dillay, who went for a fastbreak layup against two G-Stars defenders, and missed, when his shot rolled past the rim as time expired.

The G-Stars, who led by as much as 12 points midway in the second half, saw their semis bid in danger when Dillay and Kaipat led the Kontenders' recovery in the last two minutes of the game.

Kaipat's long jumper at the top of the key al-

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The G-Stars' Nate Mateo dribbles past the Kontenders' Douglas Dillay during their playoff game in the Rotary caging Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Aon casts spell on Hardt Eye

Members of Aon Insurance smile for the camera before playing in the Inaugural 2008 NMIFA Women's Futsal Fall League at the Northern Marianas College Gymnasium. Aon played against Hardt Eye Clinic Saturday and drew one goal each from six players en route to an impressive 6-1 victory. The win was Aon's third in four games giving the team the lead in the futsal league.

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Aon Insurance had all its tricks working against Hardt Eye Clinic en route to treating itself to an easy 6-1 victory in the 2008 NMIFA Women's Futsal Fall League the morning afternoon Halloween at the Northern Marianas College Gymnasium.

Aon Insurance scored the most goals so far in the league and is the lone undefeated squad in the six-team field.

It was Aon's third win in four games putting the team in solo lead after gaining seven points. AON drew its match over Matt Smith Law Office, two weeks ago.

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Back-to-back wins for Dolphins

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Marianas High School was simply too much for Mt. Carmel School as the Dolphins routed the Knights, 77-44, in the junior varsity division of the 2008-2009 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Basketball League Friday night at the MHS Gymnasium.

The victory was second for the Dolphins, who had a tough time against Kagman High School in their debut two weeks ago before pulling off a 62-59 victory.

With a 2-0 record, the Dolphins are now sharing the No. 1 spot with defending champion Saipan Southern High School

The Knights absorbed their sec-

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

The Dolphins' Nino Feria, looks at the basket as he is guarded by Kagman High School defenders during their game in the MISO caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. The Dolphins won, 62-59, and improved to a 2-0 record after clobbering Mt. Carmel, 77-44, at the MHS Gymnasium.

Daniel hands Isaiah first loss in 3rd Genesis Cup

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Daniel snapped Isaiah's two-game winning run in the 3rd CIM-FCC Inter-Color Basketball League-Genesis Cup after eking out a 66-62 victory Friday night at the CIM-FCC Basketball Court in Gualo Rai.

It was a come-from-behind win for Daniel, who was behind by eight points going into the last four minutes of the game, 46-54.

A 20-8 windup anchored by Sonny Ranola, Elmer Esdrelon, and Darwin Barbo helped Daniel nail its second win in as many games and foil Isaiah's bid for a third straight triumph.

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Daniel's Elmer Esdrelon pulls up for a jumper during their game against Isaiah in the 3rd Genesis Cup Friday night at the FCC-CIM Basketball Court in Gualo Rai.